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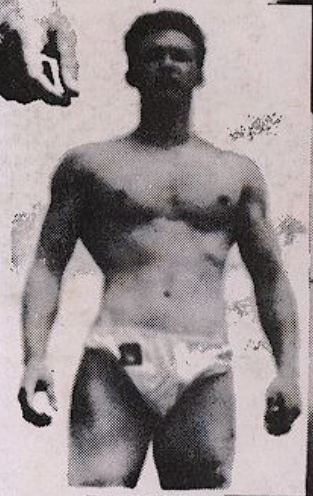

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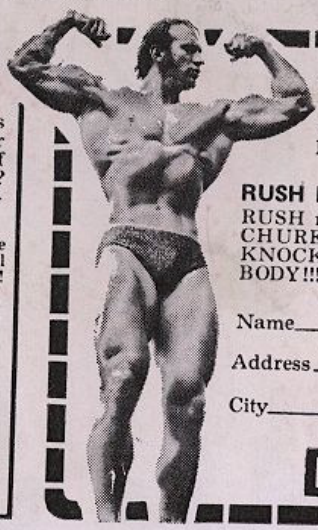

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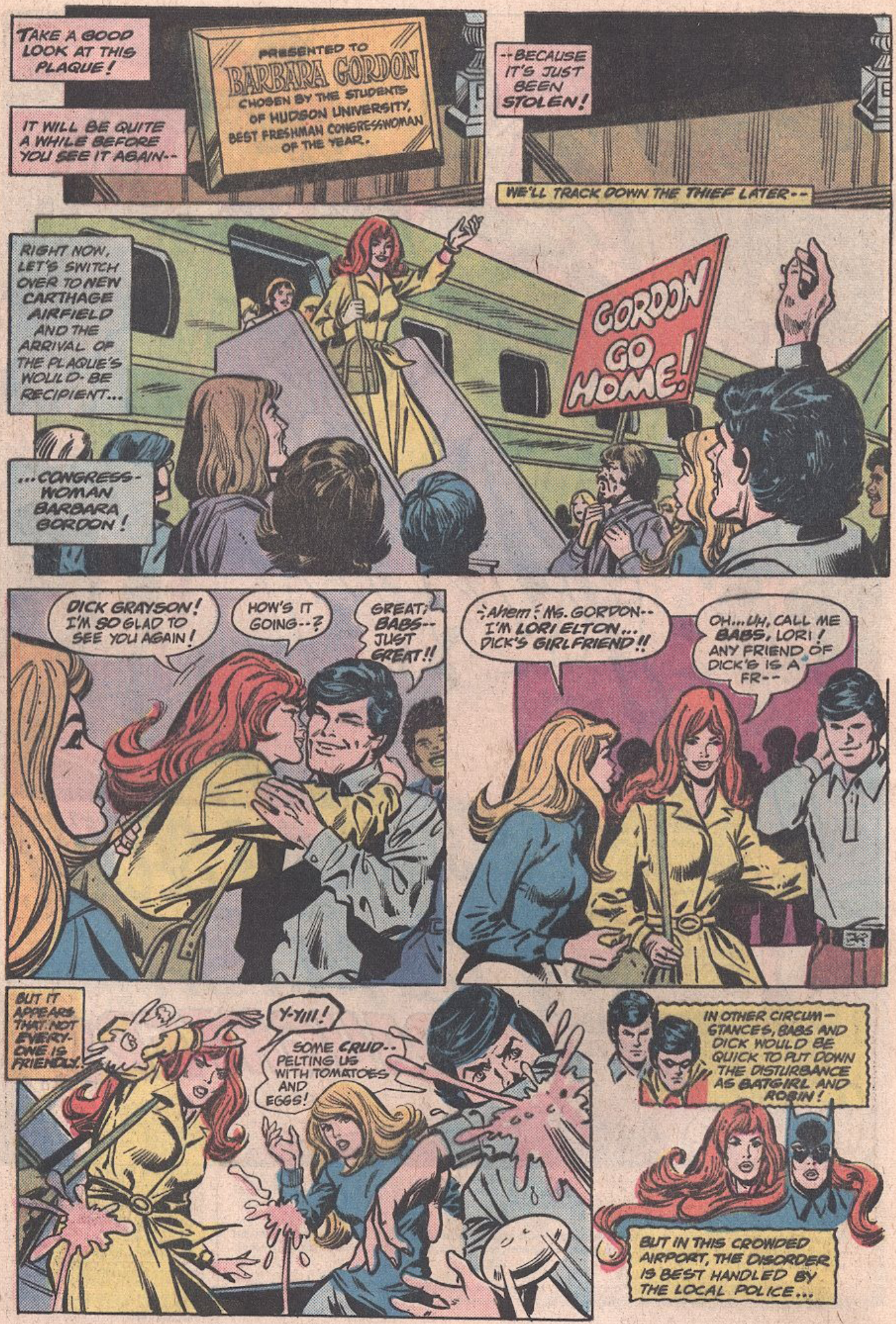
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RIGHT NOW, LET'S SWITCH OVER TO NEW CARTHAGE AIRFIELD AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE PLAQUE'S WOULD-BE RECIPIENT...
...CONGRESS-WOMAN BARBARA GORDON!
GORDON GO HOME!
DICK GRAYSON! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
HOW'S IT GOING--?
GREAT, BABS-- JUST GREAT!!
AHEM! MS. GORDON-- I'M LORI ELTON... DICK'S GIRLFRIEND!!
OH...UH, CALL ME BABS, LORI! ANY FRIEND OF DICK'S IS A FR--
BUT IT APPEARS THAT NOT EVERY-ONE IS FRIENDLY!
Y-YIII!
SOME CRUD-- PELTING US WITH TOMATOES AND EGGS!
IN OTHER CIRCUM-STANCES, BABS AND DICK WOULD BE QUICK TO PUT DOWN THE DISTURBANCE AS BATGIRL AND ROBIN!
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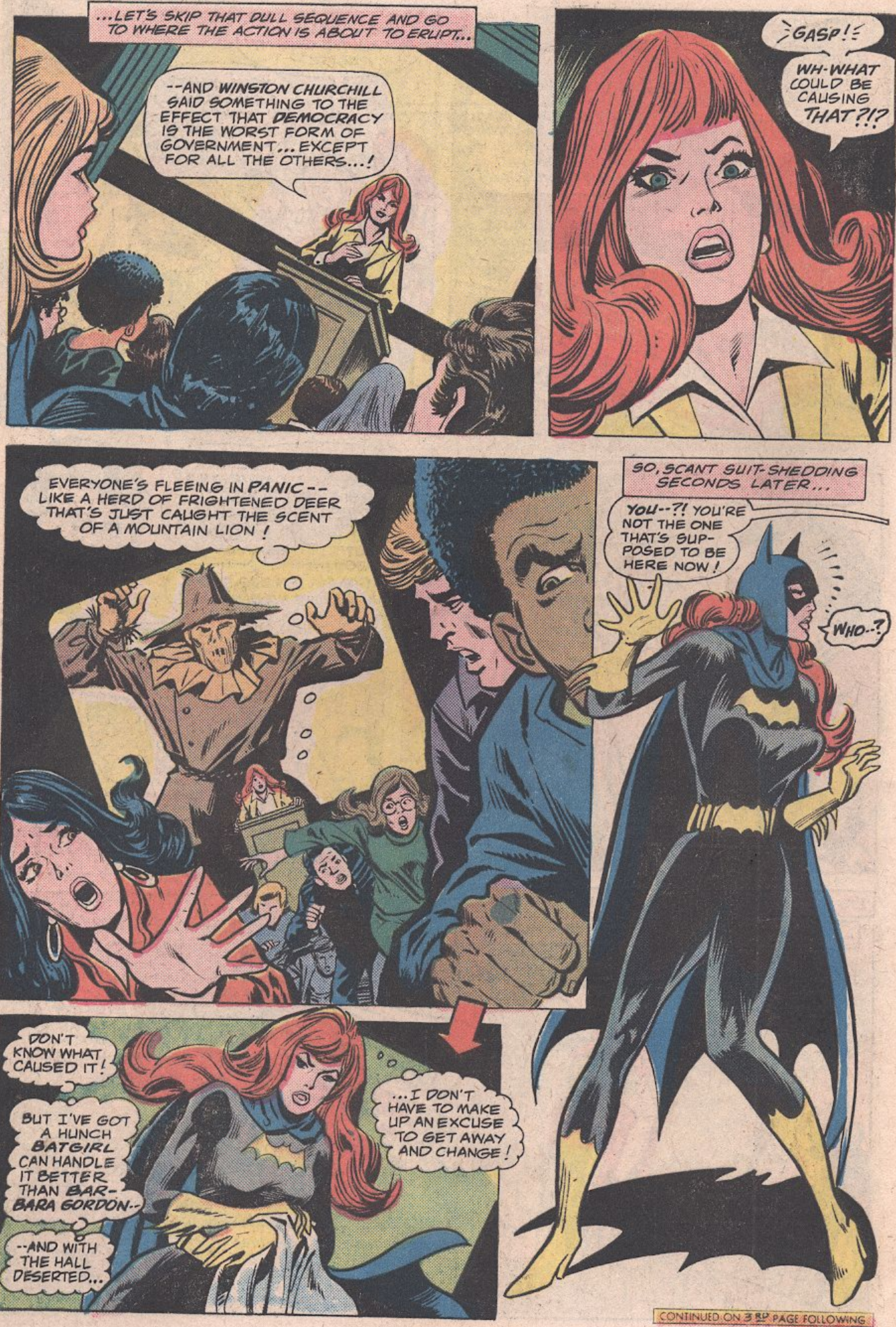
YEAH--WHAT'S GOING DOWN, CHIEF McDONALD?
NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE!
SOMEBODY JUST BROKE INTO THE PLAYHOUSE AND STOLE THE CONGRESS-WOMAN'S PLAQUE!
HMM! A LITTLE BIRD TELLS ME McDONALD'S GOING TO NEED HELP FROM A ROBIN... SO--
LORI, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE BABS OVER TO YOUR HOUSE SO SHE CAN CHANGE CLOTHES BEFORE HER TALK WITH THE STUDENTS?
THIS ROTTEN EGG-SMELL IS DRIVING ME BANANAS! I'VE GOTTA CHANGE CLOTHES, TOO!
RICHARD--!
SEE YA LATER!
IT'S SWITCH-TIME--FROM MINIBUS TO MOTORCYCLE..
...FROM DICK GRAYSON TO ROBIN, THE TEEN WONDER...
MULDAVEY WILL DRIVE YOU BACK HERE LATER, LADIES!
WHAT'S THE SCOOP, CHIEF?
WHAT--?
ROBIN!
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE STOLEN PLAQUE ALREADY--?!
DESPITE HIS FINE TRAINING BY THE BATMAN, THE TEEN TITAN IS GOING TO RUN INTO A DEAD END TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE PLAQUE-THIEF, SO...



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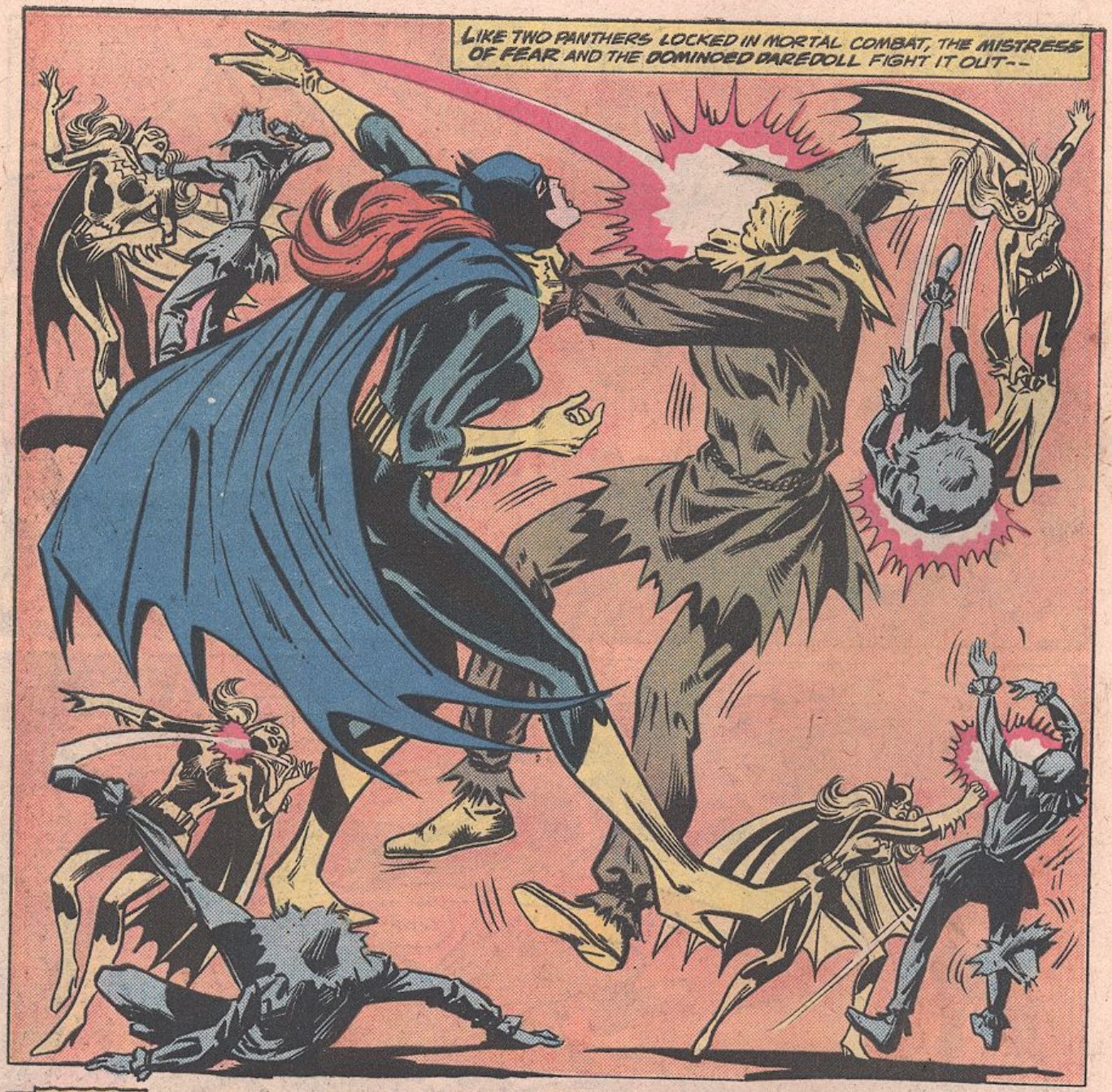
SCARECROW'S... DAUGHTER..?!?
YOU SAID IT, BATGIRL-- AND THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GOING TO SAY!
OF COURSE, YOU MIGHT SCREAM A LITTLE...
...WHEN YOU TAKE A WHIFF OF MY FEAR #5 PERFUME--
--AND RUN FOR THE HILLS LIKE ALL THOSE STUDENTS DID!
SORRY!
I DON'T--
--SCARE EASY!
--ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M HOLDING MY BREATH!
OOF!
KWAK
KICKING'S NOT MY GAME, GIRLIE--
--BUT SINCE YOU SEEM TO ENJOY IT--
--PUT MY FOOT IN YOUR MOUTH!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--UNTIL...
HOLD IT, BATGIRL! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!
IT'S ROBIN I'M AFTER...

...SO TELL HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM THAT YOU, TOO, HAVE TANGLED WITH--
--THE JOKER'S DAUGHTER!

SHOCKED BY THIS ELECTRIFYING TURN OF EVENTS, BATGIRL STANDS PARALYZED AS HER FOE RUNS OFF...
SCARECROW'S DAUGHTER--?!? JOKER'S DAUGHTER--!?!
HAHAHAHAHA! IF YOU CAN'T SCARE 'EM-- STUN 'EM!
THIS GET-UP DIDN'T LURE ROBIN INTO ACTION, WHICH MEANS THE TEEN WONDER WASN'T IN THE LECTURE HALL!
THAT ELIMINATES ALL MY SUSPECTS BUT ONE--WHICH SETS THE STAGE FOR MY NEXT... AND HOPEFULLY, FINAL... MOVE!
ERSITY HOUSE
IS IT POSSIBLE? HAS OUR MYSTERIOUS MISS UNCOVERED ROBIN'S SECRET IDENTITY? LET'S CHECK IN ON DICK GRAYSON, SOMETIME LATER...
--AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS RUNNING OUT OF THE LECTURE HALL WITH EVERY-BODY ELSE! GOLLY, WAS I SCARED!
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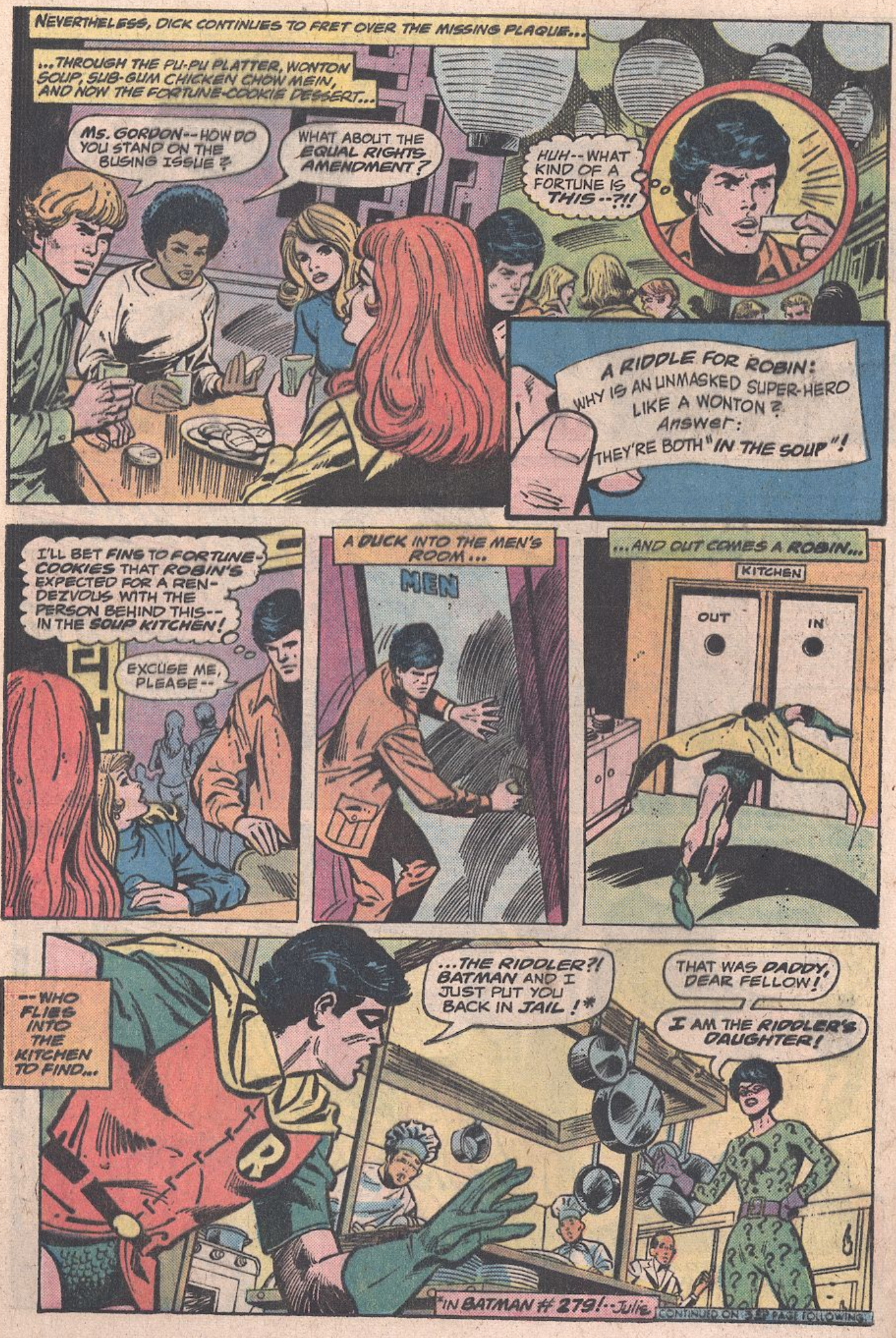
I WONDER--DID SHE STEAL THE PLAQUE?
*SHE MASQUERADED AS CATGIRL IN BATMAN FAMILY #8!--Julie
WHY SO GLUM, SWEETHEART? YOU'RE HAVING LUNCH WITH TWO--COUNT 'EM, TWO--LOVELY LADIES TODAY!
SO PUT ON A HAPPY FACE!
HOW CAN I--WHEN BABS IS HERE TO COLLECT AN AWARD THAT'S BEEN STOLEN!
DON'T GET HUNG UP OVER IT, DICK--
--I'M NOT!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A RIDDLE FOR ROBIN: WHY IS AN UNMASKED SUPER-HERO LIKE A WONTON? Answer: THEY'RE BOTH "IN THE SOUP"!
I'LL BET FINS TO FORTUNE-COOKIES THAT ROBIN'S EXPECTED FOR A REN-DEZVOUS WITH THE PERSON BEHIND THIS--IN THE SOUP KITCHEN!
EXCUSE ME, PLEASE--
A DUCK INTO THE MEN'S ROOM...
MEN
...AND OUT COMES A ROBIN...
KITCHEN
OUT
IN
--WHO FLIES INTO THE KITCHEN TO FIND...
...THE RIDDLER?! BATMAN AND I JUST PUT YOU BACK IN JAIL!*
THAT WAS DADDY, DEAR FELLOW!
I AM THE RIDDLER'S DAUGHTER!
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BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH SMOKED OUT!
HAHAHA HAHA!
SHE'S EXPECTING ME TO COME CHARGING OUT OF THE SMOKE AT HER--
KOFF! KOFF!
--SO INSTEAD, I'LL BACK OUT...RIGHT THROUGH THE KITCHEN DOOR!
NICE TRY, BIRD-BRAIN-- BUT YOU'VE BEEN OUTWITTED!
TRY A TASTE OF MY RIDDLER REVOLVERS!
IF YOU'LL PARDON THE PUN...
YUNG!
YIP!
...THEY'RE REAL PERIOD PIECES!

OUT
I'M TIRED OF PLAYING GAMES WITH THIS WHACKY BROAD!
ROBIN--!
HEY-- THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY!
SO THAT'S WHY DICK LEFT--
--WHICH MAKES THIS HIS SHOW!
GOT THE HOMING INSTINCT, ROBIN? HERE--LET ME HELP YOU BUILD A NEST!
AS FOR YOU BOZOS, HERE'S SOME PEPPER TO SPICE UP YOUR CHOW MEIN!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE BEFORE THEY WRECK THE PLACE--
--AND US, TOO!
NOW THEY GET THE POINT--OR RATHER POINTS--
--AND ARE CUTTING OUT!

WELL--! LOOK WHO FLEW OUT OF HIS NEST!
TELL ME, ROBIN--WHY DID THE LITTLE BIRD CHIRP AT THE--
KNOCK IT OFF--I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE RIDDLER'S DAUGHTER--
--AND THIS IS HOW I PROVE IT!
=OUCH=
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT, ROBIN--
--UNMASKING ME AS THE JOKER'S DAUGHTER HAS EXPLOSIVE CONSEQUENCES!
KABOOM!
SOMEWHAT LATER... AS THE TEEN TITAN STRUGGLES TO REGAIN HIS EQUILIBRIUM, HE IS JOINED BY LT. RICK TATEM AND SOME OF NEW CARTHAGE'S FINEST...
=GROAN= SUB-GUM AND SUPER-HEROING DON'T MIX! I'M GONNA BE... SICK!
ROBIN--!
WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON HERE?
IN A MINUTE, LIEUTENANT =BLURP= IN A MINUTE!
MEN
AND WHEN THE QUEASY CRIME-FIGHTER LOOKS IN THE MIRROR--
=GASP= MY MASK-- IT'S GONE!
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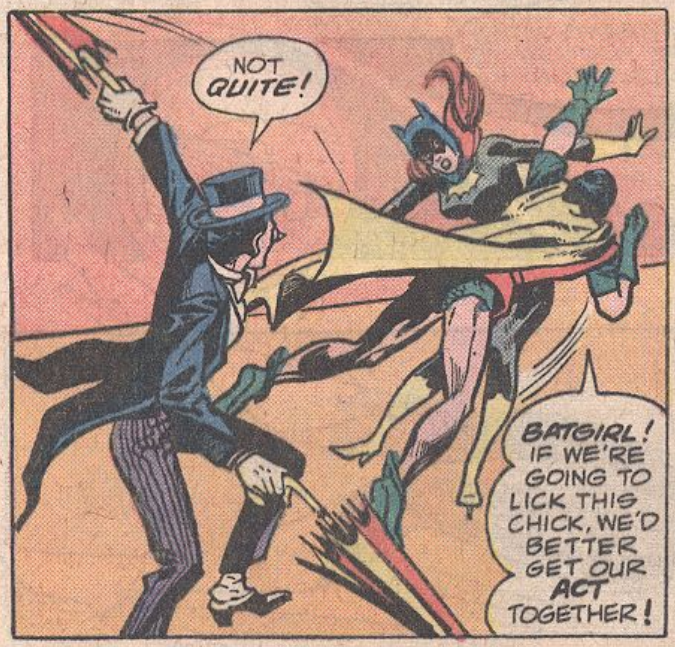
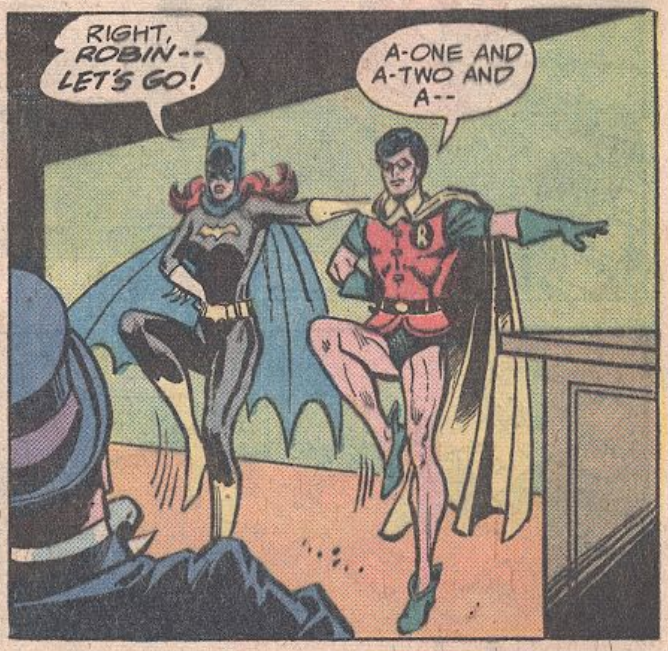
LOSING MY SECRET I.D. ONCE TODAY IS ONCE TOO MUCH!
THIS MAKESHIFT MASK WILL HAVE TO DO TILL I GET A REPLACE-MENT FROM MY ROOM!
WHAT'S THIS? A NEW FASHION IN MASKS?
IT'S...UH... BETTER THAN MY REGULAR ONE--WHICH GOT SOAKED IN SOY SAUCE!
MEN
A RESULT OF THIS MESS, OBVIOUSLY!
NOW, LET'S HAVE YOUR REPORT...
AN HOUR LATER, AT THE HUDSON UNIVERSITY PLAYHOUSE...
...SO IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA GORDON, THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNER!
MAYBE I CAN FINISH MY TALK WITHOUT INTER-RUPTION THIS TIME, DICK!
DON'T BET ON IT, BABS...!
GORDON DOESN'T DESERVE THIS AWARD--
--NO POLITICIAN DOES! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF --
THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!
YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET--
--LOOK UP THERE!

HEY... IT'S THE PENGUIN...
...IN DRAG!
ANOTHER LOONY LADY IN A COSTUME!
BETCHA IT'S HIS DAUGHTER!
WHICH IS THE CUE FOR HUDSON'S "ORIGINAL" COSTUMED CHARACTER TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE, ALONG WITH HIS SPECIAL GUEST-PARTNER--
--AS DICK GRAYSON AND BARBARA GORDON EXIT STAGE RIGHT...
...AND ROBIN AND BATGIRL ENTER STAGE LEFT...
THE DYNAMITE DUO :WOKK: :WOKK:
I GET FIRST CRACK AT THAT PHONEY--!
YOU'LL HAVE TO BEAT ME TO IT, BAT-GIRL!
I'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH HER!
HERE ARE SOME POINTED FEATHERS FOR THE BIRD-BOY...
OWW!
...AND PARASOLS FOR M' LADY!
YEEOUCH! THOSE PARASOLS ARE REALLY TINY DARTS!
IT'S TIME TO UPSTAGE THIS BIRD--
--AND COME DOWN HARD ON HER!
GET YOUR BIG FEET OFF ME, YOU WITCH!

I'LL PUMMEL YOU WITH MY BUMBERSHOOT! WOKK

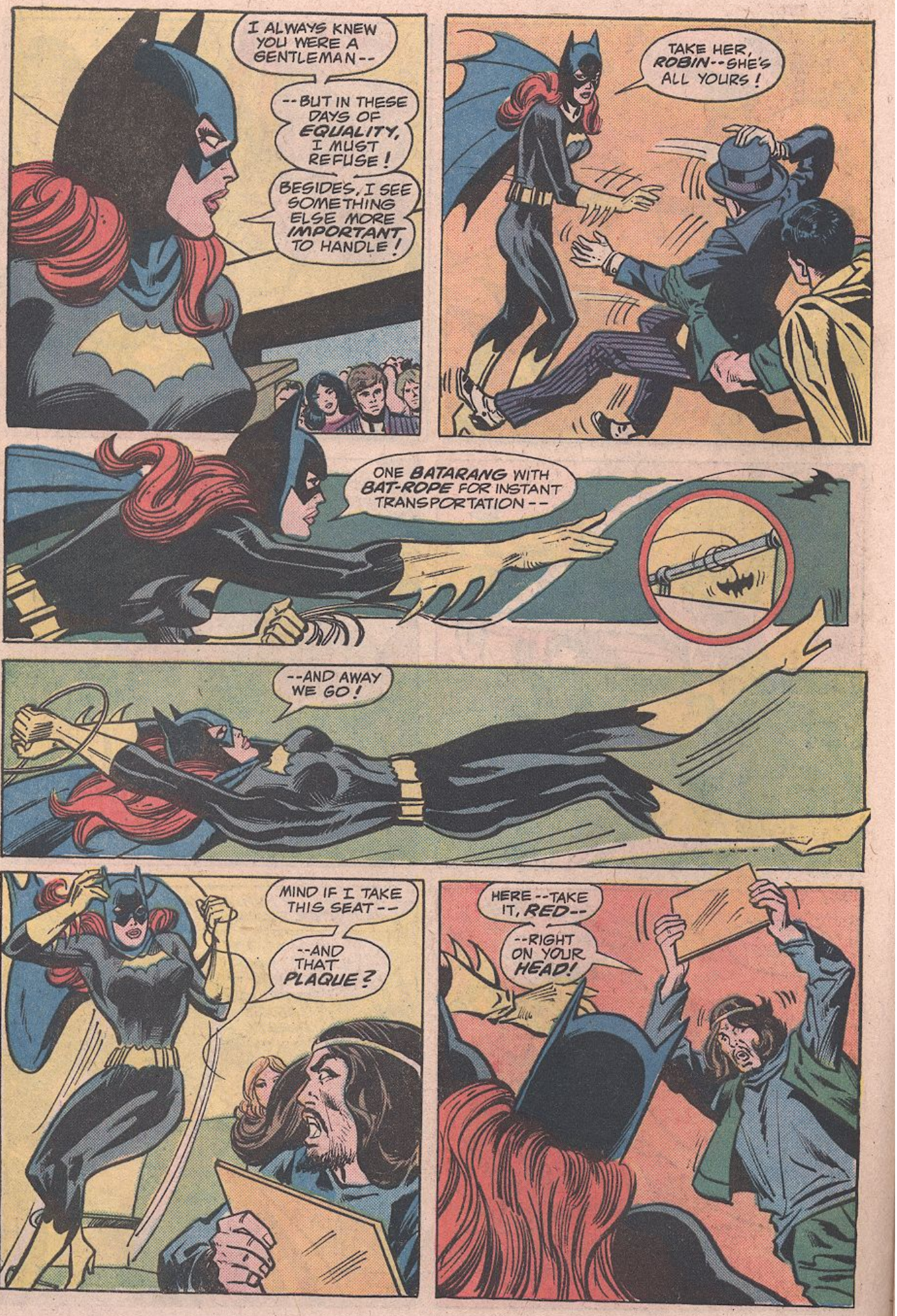
THAT'S ALL, CUTIE! THE SHOW'S OVER!


NOT QUITE!
BATGIRL! IF WE'RE GOING TO LICK THIS CHICK, WE'D BETTER GET OUR ACT TOGETHER!


RIGHT, ROBIN-- LET'S GO!
A-ONE AND A-TWO AND A--

--THREE!

STRIPPED OF HER UMBRELLAS, THE PENGUIN'S DAUGHTER FACES A TWO-ON-ONE SITUATION...
MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO SOCK IT TO HER--
--LADIES FIRST!


I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE A GENTLEMAN--
--BUT IN THESE DAYS OF EQUALITY, I MUST REFUSE!
BESIDES, I SEE SOMETHING ELSE MORE IMPORTANT TO HANDLE!
TAKE HER, ROBIN--SHE'S ALL YOURS!
ONE BATARANG WITH BAT-ROPE FOR INSTANT TRANSPORTATION--
--AND AWAY WE GO!
MIND IF I TAKE THIS SEAT--
--AND THAT PLAQUE?
HERE--TAKE IT, RED--
--RIGHT ON YOUR HEAD!

UNH-UH-UH... MUSTN'T DENT THE PLAQUE!
ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU DESERVE A DENT OR TWO--
--FOR STAINING MY CLOTHES WITH EGGS AND TOMATOES!
MEANWHILE, BACKSTAGE...
I HAVE NO CUFFS HANDY, SO THIS ARMLOCK WILL HOLD YOU--
--WHILE I UNMASK YOU FOR THE LAST TIME!
BIG DEAL! SO YOU'VE FIGURED OUT I'M THE JOKER'S DAUGHTER IN ANOTHER OF MY DISGUISES!
THAT MAKES US EVEN! I'VE FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE--
--RICHARD GRAYSON!
OKAY-- NOW LET ME TOP THAT!
UNDERNEATH THAT AWFUL MAKE-UP IS A GIRL NAMED--
--DUELA DENT--
--DAUGHTER OF TWO-FACE!

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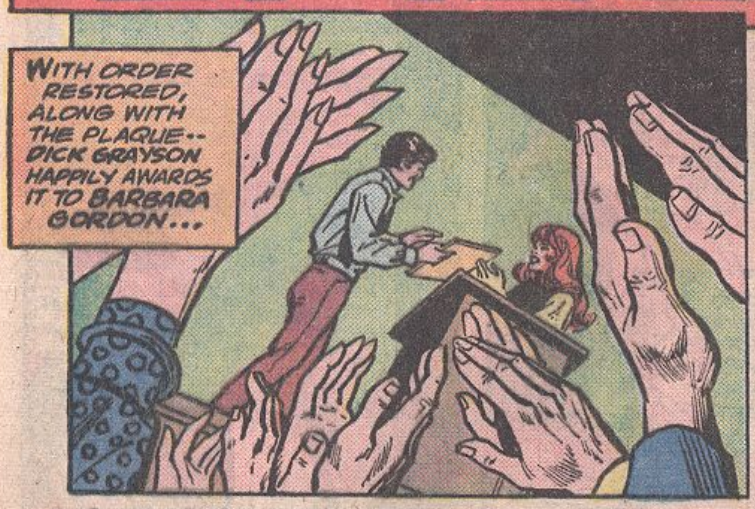
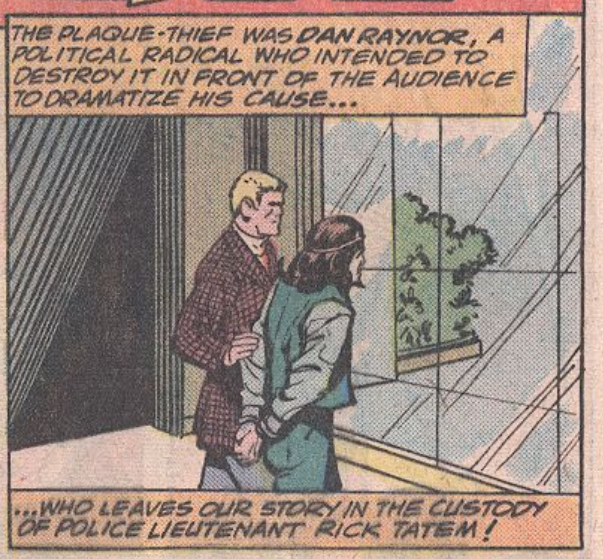
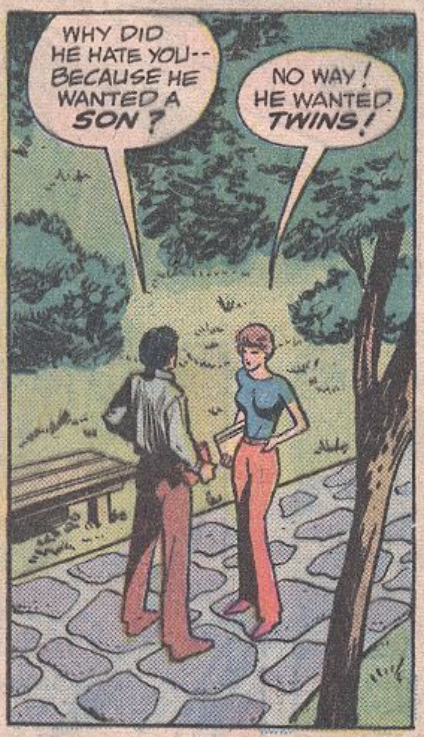
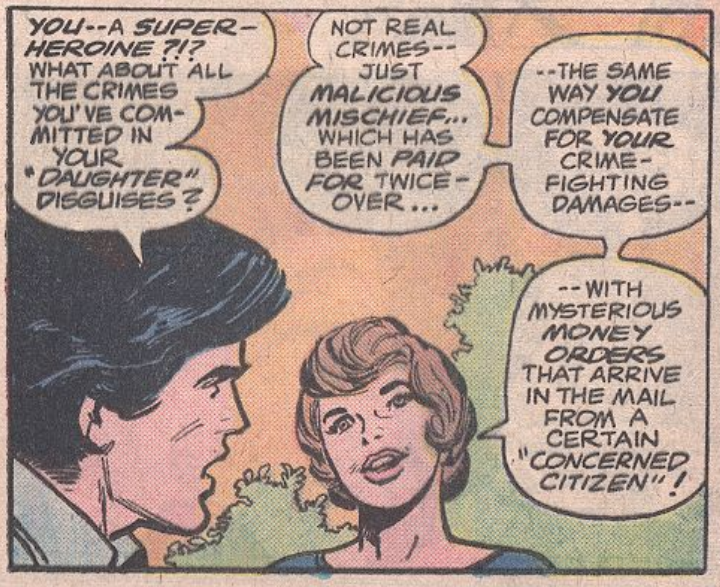


...WHO, INCIDENTALLY, FINALLY GETS TO COMPLETE HER TALK!







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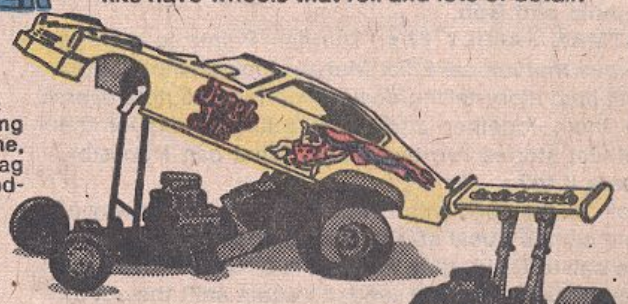

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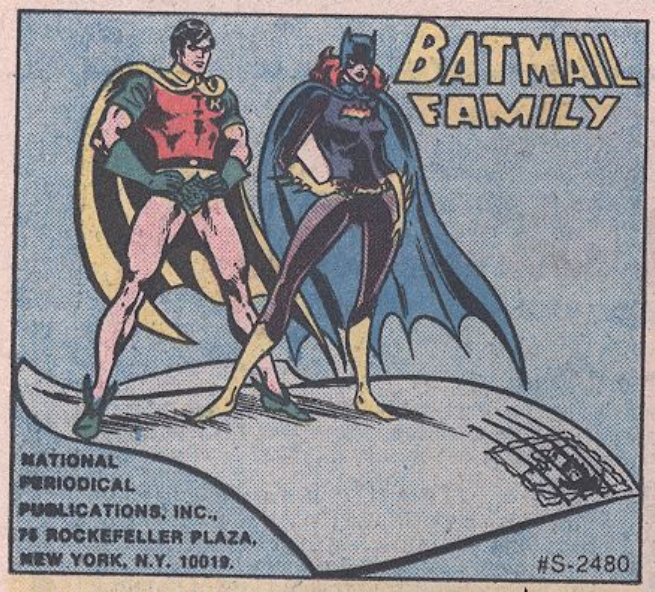

Dear Julie and Bob,

BATMAN FAMILY #7's "Thirteen Points to a Dead End" was marvelous! Elliot Maggin took a whole batch of neat little story-telling devices we fans go nuts over, threw them together and came out with one of the smoothest stories I've ever read. What can I possibly compare it to?

Look . . . we open with Bruce Wayne, a clever way of using a cameo guest star to explain the setting (via the phone call to Dick), that, in itself, is effective. Then, cut to Dick himself, who proceeds to again shift the action by having a mental workout as he pieces together what must have happened to **Batgirl**. Beautiful! Then, switch to plot action until the villain and villainess are introduced in a flashback and . . . well, heck, it's more fun reading the story than reading my analysis.

I was very much in favor of your handling of the **Huntress** and the **Sportsmaster**. As super-crooks on Earth-Two, they're great . . . but as bush league Earth-One counterparts who are finally making it big, they were much more entertaining.

And I really don't know what I can say about **Batgirl** and **Robin** themselves. I generally find their solo stories pretty tepid stuff, but together magic sparks between them. Their relationship has depth and wit that I never thought I'd see in a comic book. They are the most honest characters I can think of . . . and certainly the most likeable. They're clearly a business team, the friendly rivals vying for top billing in the headlines, toying with slyly spoken insults and rib-poking. I can't think of any team in any film, book, or play that quite matches the relationship they have.

A romance between them? Come on! **Robin** only wants to see if he can get **Batgirl** to melt in his arms and she obviously thinks his macho act is the biggest joke of all. A camaraderie, an understood respect for one another, a "you-scratch-my-back-I'll-scratch-yours" . . . there's the real **Batgirl-Robin** relationship. In time they may develop a love, but it'll be a bond of friendship a la Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. But beyond that . . . nah.

Artwise, Curt Swan is the best of the **Robin-Batgirl** pencillers and Vince Colletta does some very nice inks. Swan really awes me . . . after years of drawing **Superman**, he's still great at making relatively "normal" people doing relatively "normal" things digestible. And by the way, I'm just crazy about the new **Batgirl** and **Robin** logos—who designed them?

Finally, I usually try to keep my letters uniform (part of my secret desire to become Guy Lillian), but I just have to throw this in. I'd really like to see **Batwoman** revived . . .

BOB RODI, Oak Brook, Ill.

(The relationship between our two stars is a popular topic among our readers, so you can look forward to further developments in upcoming issues—and more comments in following letters. As for the new logos, the *Robin* one was submitted by longtime fan Anthony Kowalik. It was then formalized by *DC* production person John Workman, who also designed the complementary *Batgirl* logo. Finally, for a word about your last request, if it's *Batwoman* you want—it's *Batwoman* you get . . . but more on that later!—BR)

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Dear Editor:

It's about time **Batgirl** and **Robin** had some costumed villains to chase . . . I just wish they had been chasing them in a better story than "13 Points to a Dead End!" The **Huntress** and **Sportsmaster** make ideal foes for our Dynamite Duo; if I didn't know better, I'd say they'd been tailored to fit. But their outlandish schemes and far-fetched reasons for involving **Batgirl** and **Robin** in their quest for a mere ruby put some huge holes in the credibility of **BATMAN FAMILY #7**. Surely one jewel could not be worth the time, trouble and risks that Mr. and Mrs. Menace took to bring our heroes thousands of miles from home. And while the **Huntress'** gimmicks worked well in this story (trapping, tracking and ensnaring), **Sportsmaster's** tricks seemed extravagant at best—added only to make the adventure more flamboyant and allowing **Robin** and **Batgirl** the opportunity to show off their athletic skills.

Characterization, on the other hand, was superlative. **Batgirl's** harmless digs at **Robin,** calling him "boy" and speaking of his "delicate little ears" were quite in character. Something of a rivalry seems to be developing between the two. The **Teen Wonder** likes to emphasize that his seniority in the crime-fighting trade makes him the leader whereas our heroine constantly implies that her age is the deciding factor.

SCOTT GIBSON, Evergreen, Colo.

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Dear Julie and Bob,

It's refreshing to see a team of heroes that isn't a playboy and his ward or the like. The Dynamite Duo only get together when they happen to be in the same place at the same time. However, the way your writers have been developing it, their relationship may soon be less plantonic than expected.

Batgirl and **Robin** appear to get along well, something necessary for a successful team. I think the biggest factor is the fact that they know each other's identities. Now, when they get into action, they don't have to worry about dropping a clue that the other might pick up. This makes for a more relaxed atmosphere and a great understanding of each other.

"13 Points to a Dead End" is the best **Batgirl-Robin** tale to date. The cameos by Bruce Wayne were nice as was the revelation that Earth-One has a **Huntress** and **Sportsmaster**. But my favorite part of the story was how **Batgirl** and **Robin** were each willing to sacrifice him/herself for the other. This is loyalty of the highest sense.

MIKE WHITE, Mackinaw, Ill.

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Dear Editor:

BATMAN FAMILY began as an uncertain venture—rather weak despite its intriguing premise. The question was, could **Batgirl** and **Robin** make it as a team? Not only a good team—but a profitable one.

The issues came and went and the questions were answered. The Dynamite Duo clicked and it was profitable and **#7** was an example. The running implications of a, shall we say, a May-June romance (they're just not old enough to qualify for a May-December romance) between Babs and Dick is outrageous, but in a sense it's quite workable. There is no bond between **Batgirl** and **Robin** in their civilian identities. One is a respected Congresswoman, the other a college freshman (sophomore?). Babs has her work and when she has time, Jason Bard or her choice of other congresspeople. Dick has his collegiate study and when he has the time, Lori What's-her-name. But when they are in their costumed identities, they click—despite **Batgirl's** cracks about **Robin's** youth. Interesting phenomenon, wouldn't you say? But it works, as demonstrated in **BATMAN FAMILY #7**.

The villainous couple were a pair of shnooks, or so it seemed. The **Huntress** and **Sportsmaster** of Earth-Two would be deeply ashamed of their counterparts. But these two make a perfect pair of villains to be pitted against our pair of second-rate heroes. However, I think the time has come for **Batgirl** and **Robin** to meet bigger villains, rather than a set of quarreling spouses because villains like this Mr. and Mrs. Menace seem so . . . easily defeated? They are morons and the Dynamite Duo deserve better.

ELIZABETH SMITH, Tacoma, Wash.

(Bigger villains? How about The Joker—who is scheduled to make the scene against our popular pair two issues from now?—BR)

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Dear Editor:

Batgirl and **Robin** team-ups are fun. "13 Points to a Dead End" was no exception. The **Huntress** and **Sportsmaster** should appear more often and Bruce Wayne's cameo role was appreciated.

I was delightfully surprised with **Robin's** growing infatuation with **Batgirl**. (No doubt the result of that much-talked-about kiss a few issues ago!) I was even more surprised that **Robin** didn't tell **Batman,** his old pal, mentor, guardian and partner that he knows who **Batgirl** really is. I'm sure **Batman** would have told **Robin**.

I can only assume that if **Robin** continues to remain silent about this momentous secret, he has the "hots" for her a lot worse than I thought!

DALE CENDALI, White Plains, N.Y.

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Dear Editor:

What about a little romance between **Batman** and **Batgirl**? **Robin** would become very jealous of his "father" and . . . well, I'll leave the rest to you!

GEORJEAN FRAINA, Trumball, Conn.

(We're busy trying to work out the relationship between Batgirl and Robin and you want us to throw in a third factor? That's all we need!—BR)

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Dear Julie and Bob,

I really wish that you would stop all of this business about a romance between Dick Grayson and Barbara Gordon. I'm not going to object because Babs is so much older than Dick—age has nothing to do with love! My objection is simply that I saw him first and if Babs wants Dick, she's gonna have to fight me for him!

LORI ELTON, New Carthage

(Well, I guess that would make Batman a fourth factor in this romantic triangle . . . quadrangle . . .? Seriously, though—all we can say is that you should stick with us in future issues as our cast of characters grows together and/or apart. We guarantee we'll keep you interested!

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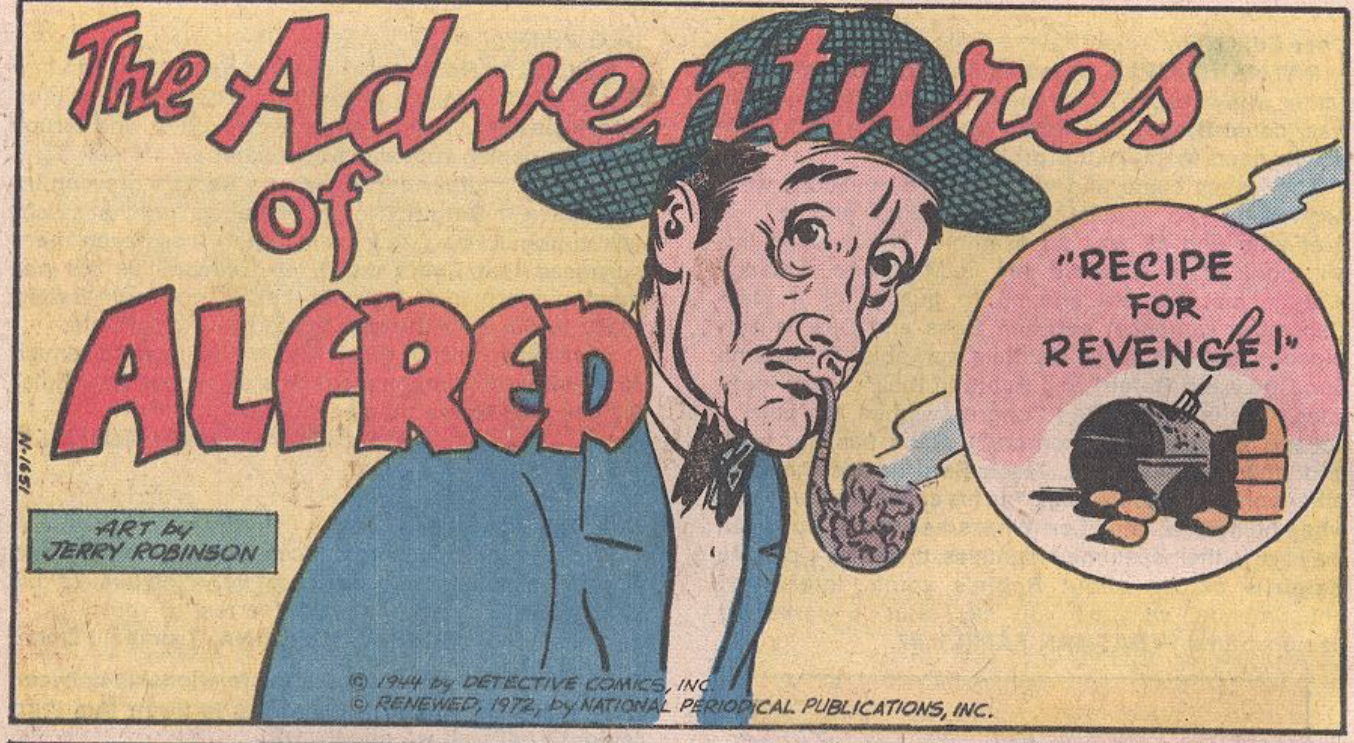
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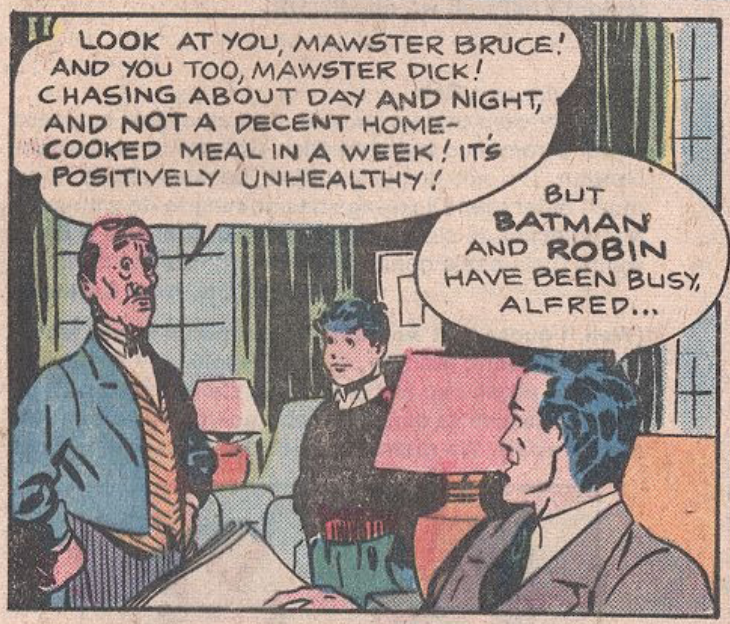
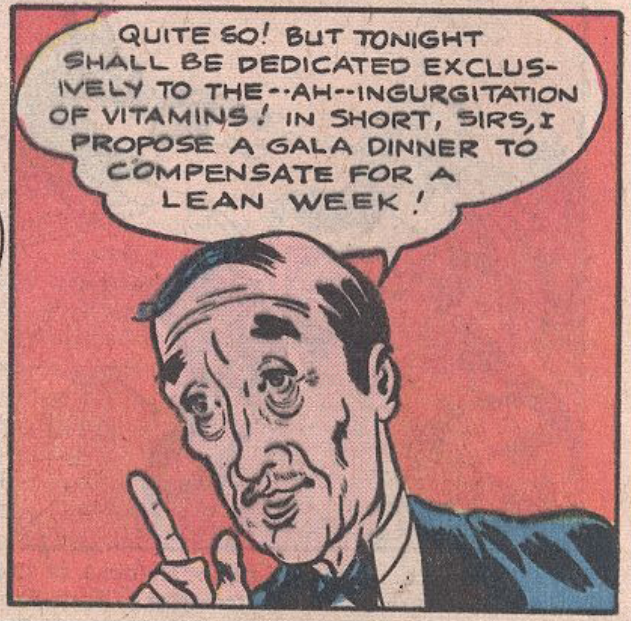

LOOK AT YOU, MAWSTER BRUCE! AND YOU TOO, MAWSTER DICK! CHASING ABOUT DAY AND NIGHT, AND NOT A DECENT HOME-COOKED MEAL IN A WEEK! IT'S POSITIVELY UNHEALTHY!
BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE BEEN BUSY, ALFRED...


QUITE SO! BUT TONIGHT SHALL BE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE--AH--INGURGITATION OF VITAMINS! IN SHORT, SIRS, I PROPOSE A GALA DINNER TO COMPENSATE FOR A LEAN WEEK!

BOY! WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN ONE OF YOUR FANCY FEEDS?
GOOD! I SHALL GO AT ONCE TO A CERTAIN DOWNTOWN MARKET AND PURCHASE VARIOUS RARE INGREDIENTS UNOBTAINABLE AT THE LOCAL SHOPS!
AND DON'T SPARE THE SPICES, ALFRED!

... AND UPON MY RETURN, YOU SHALL SAVOR MY GENIUS IN THE ART OF COOKING AS YOU HAVE NEVER SAVORED IT BEFORE!
IF YOUR WORD-SLINGING CAN BE TAKEN AS A SAMPLE OF TO-NIGHT'S HASH-SLINGING IT'LL BE SOMETHING!

AFTER THE WAY WE'VE EATEN THIS WEEK, THAT DINNER REALLY SOUNDS WONDERFUL!
MY MOUTH'S WATERING ALREADY!

ALFRED

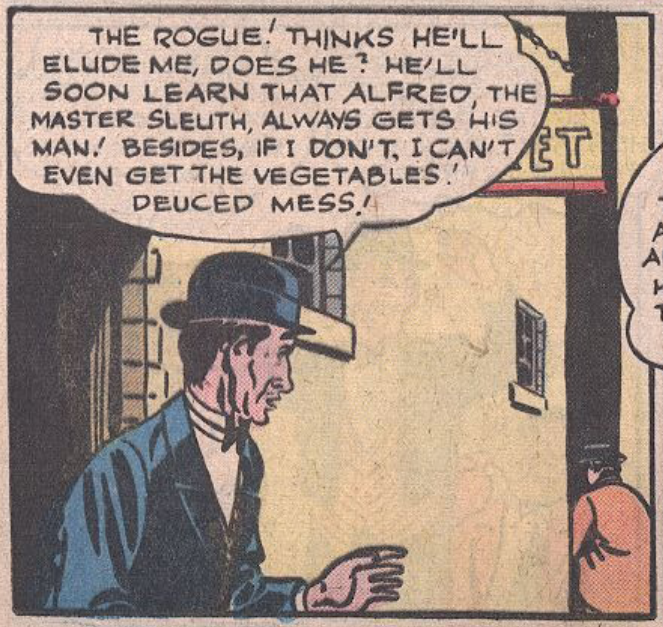
SAY--! ALFRED'S WALLET! HE FORGOT IT!
UH-UH! HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY A THING AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO LOCATE HIM. OH, WELL- WE CAN ALWAYS OPEN A CAN OF BEANS...

MEANWHILE, ALFRED ARRIVES AT THE MARKET...
AH-- TONIGHT SHALL BE AN EVENT IN GASTRONOMICAL HISTORY! LET'S SEE... THE VEGETABLES FIRST, I BELIEVE...
Fresh
FRUITS
VEGETABL

GRACIOUS! EVEN IN THIS EMPORIUM OF EDIBLES, CRIME LURKS TO SNARE THE UNWARY. I MUST BE ON MY GUARD!
BEWARE OF
CKPOCKETS

I SAY--! CAWN'T YOU WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING?

BLIMEY! MY WALLET! THAT HOUND WHO JOSTLED ME-- HE'S A PICKPOCKET!


THE ROGUE! THINKS HE'LL ELUDE ME, DOES HE? HE'LL SOON LEARN THAT ALFRED, THE MASTER SLEUTH, ALWAYS GETS HIS MAN! BESIDES, IF I DON'T, I CAN'T EVEN GET THE VEGETABLES! DEUCED MESS!

GONE! HOW VERY AWKWARD! HOW CAN I FACE THE MAWSTERS AND ADMIT THAT MY APPALLING INEPTITUDE HAS CANCELLED THEIR DINNER? I MUST FIND THAT THIEF!

CLEVER SCOUNDREL! BUT I--OOPS-- BEG PARDON, SIR!
WHY--DASH IT ALL! I'VE BEEN TRICKED! IT'S HE! COME BACK YOU BOUNDER!
(PUFF) APPARENTLY SPEED IS NOT--(PUFF) MY FORTE. DEDUCTION IS (PUFF) MORE SUITED TO MY (PUFF) INTELLECTUAL NATURE. BUT--I SEEM TO BE GAINING!
BANG!
HUH? SHOTS!
AWRIGHT, YOU! STEP AWAY FROM DAT BOID OR YA EAT LEAD!
A CONFEDERATE! I'VE BEEN LURED INTO A TRAP!
HMM... ONE DOWN AND ONLY ONE TO GO. WOULD THE BATMAN HESITATE? THEN WHY SHOULD ALFRED?
I SAID STEP ASIDE! WHATSA MATTER, DON'CHA SAVVY DA KING'S ENGLISH?

ALFRED

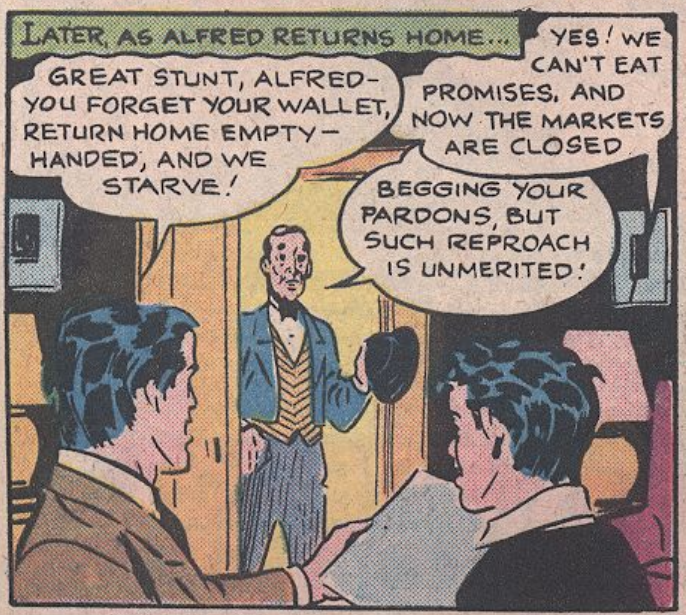
I DARE SAY I DO "SAVVY" AS YOU SO QUAINTLY PUT IT. BUT ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT GUN'S LOADED ?
WHAT KINDA DAFFY QUESTION IS DAT ? I'M SOITAIN I LOADED IT DIS MORNIN' ! BESIDES, I JUS' FIRED IT !

IN THAT CASE, YOU ENGAGED IN A SHEER WASTE OF EFFORT -- IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO SAY SO !
YIII !

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE ?
AH, POLICE ! EET EES LIKE THEES- I TRY TO ESCAPE GANGSTER WHO TRAIL ME TO AVENGE HEES BROTHAIR ! THEES BRAVE FELLOW -- HE SAVE ME !
BUT MY WALLET-- OH, DEAR !

WOW ! IT'S KNOCKY WATSON'S KID BROTHER !
HMM... SEEMS I HAVE MADE AN IM- PORTANT CAPTURE !
YES ! HE COME AFTER ME FOR GEEVING EVIDENCE THAT SEND 'EES BROTHAIR TO JAIL ! I RUN EVERY- WHERE FOR POLICE. I THEENK THEES FELLOW ALSO CROOK TILL 'E SAVE ME FROM BULLET !

NICE WORK, PAL. NERVY THING TO DO !
I AM OVAIRFLOW WEETH GRATITUDE ! YOU SAVE MY LIFE ! YOU ARE GRAN' 'ERO !
OH, I SAY, IT WAS NOTHING !
HMM... HE CAN HARDLY BE A PICKPOCKET ! DID I PERHAPS FORGET MY WALLET ?


LATER AS ALFRED RETURNS HOME...
GREAT STUNT, ALFRED- YOU FORGET YOUR WALLET, RETURN HOME EMPTY- HANDED, AND WE STARVE !
YES ! WE CAN'T EAT PROMISES, AND NOW THE MARKETS ARE CLOSED
BEGGING YOUR PARDONS, BUT SUCH REPROACH IS UNMERITED !

MAY I PRESENT MY GOOD FRIEND, PIERRE, MASTER- CHEF OF THE GOTHAM HOTEL ? HE ABSOLUTELY INSISTS ON SUPPLYING AND PREPARING OUR PROJECTED DINNER HIMSELF !
FOR MY GOOD FRIEND, ALFRED, I, PIERRE, COOK TONIGHT LIKE NEVAIR BEFORE !

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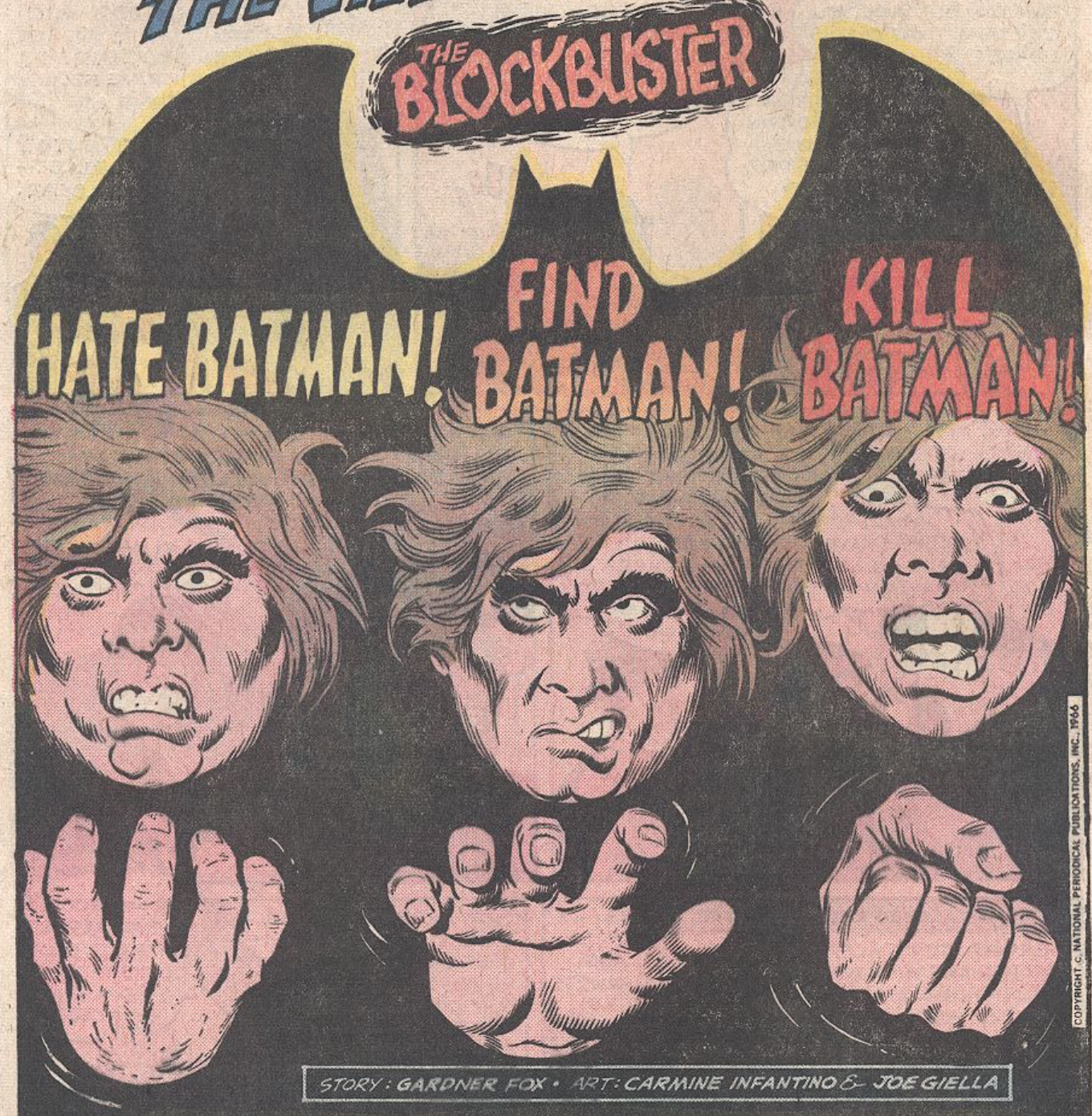
THE BLOCKBUSTER



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THESE ARE THE THOUGHTS SEETHING INSIDE THE BRAIN OF THE BRUTISH BEHEMOTH KNOWN AS THE BLOCKBUSTER! ONCE BEFORE HE TRIED TO DO AWAY WITH THE COWLED CRUSADER, AND FAILED! BUT NOW--ARMED WITH FANTASTIC, EERIE POWERS--HE AGAIN VENTURES FORTH TO HURL HIS TITANIC BULK AT THE ONE MAN HE HAS AN IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO ANNIHILATE!

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THE BLOCKBUSTER BREAKS LOOSE!

A ROW OF HUGE FOOTPRINTS LEADING INTO THE SEA IS ALL THAT TELLS ROBIN AND A DISGUISED BRUCE WAYNE WHERE THEIR DREAD FOE THE BLOCK-BUSTER HAS GONE*...

* EDITOR'S NOTE: AS TOLD IN BATMAN #261 "THE BLOCK-BUSTER INVASION OF GOTHAM CITY"

AS HE STARES DOWN AT THE ENIGMATIC WATERS, BRUCE WAYNE RECALLS HOW HE SAVED YOUNG MARK DESMOND FROM A QUICKSAND BOG ON THIS SAME ISLAND, YEARS BEFORE...

JUST RELAX...AND I'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A JIFFY!

AND LATER--HOW THAT SAME MARK DESMOND, BY TAKING A CERTAIN SERUM OF HIS OWN INVENTION, TRANSFORMED HIS BODY TO GIANT SIZE AND STRENGTH, BUT AT THE SAME TIME RETARDED HIS MENTAL DEVELOPMENT UNTIL HE BECAME--THE BLOCKBUSTER!...

CRASH!

NOT EVEN BATMAN AND ROBIN COULD COPE WITH THE TITANIC TERROR...

ONLY HIS BROTHER ROLAND--AND BRUCE WAYNE (BECAUSE HE SAVED HIM FROM THE QUICKSAND BOG)--COULD KEEP IN CHECK THAT SAVAGE BRUTE...

HE REMEMBERS! HE KNOWS BRUCE WAYNE IS--HIS FRIEND! NOW I CAN HANDLE HIM--

BUT NOW ROLAND DESMOND IS IN JAIL--AND THE BLOCKBUSTER HAS DISAPPEARED...

I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

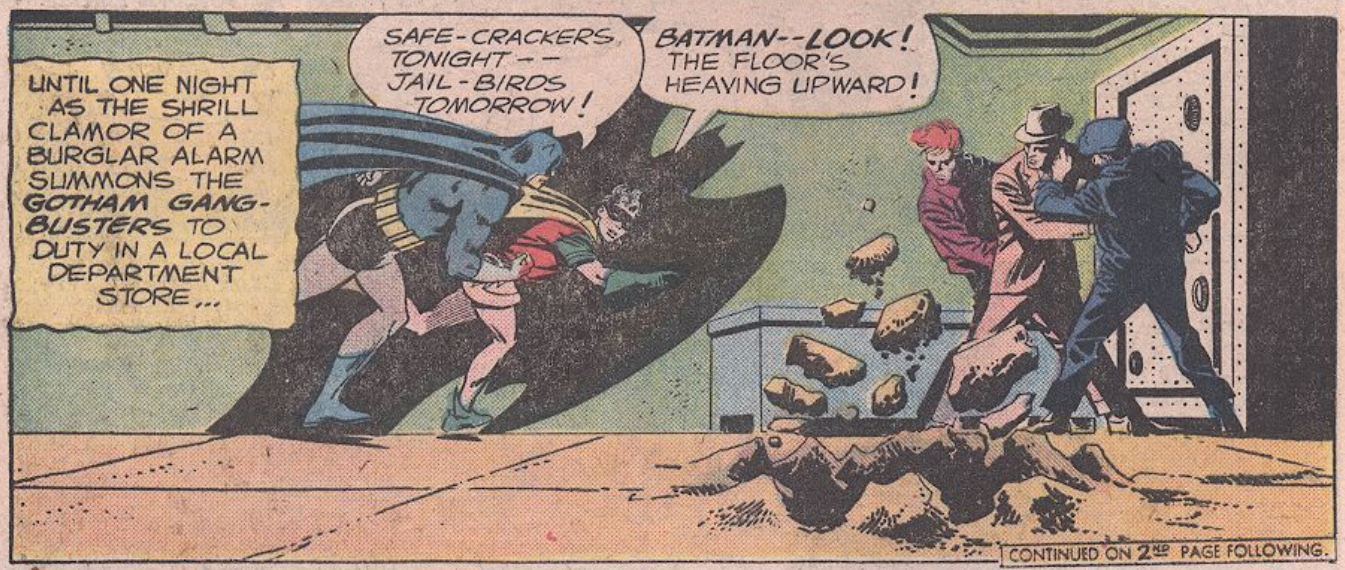
WE CAN'T SPEND OUR LIVES HUNTING FOR HIM! WE HAVE OTHER THINGS TO KEEP US BUSY! LET'S GET BACK TO GOTHAM CITY!

SUDDENLY, **THE BLOCK-BUSTER** WHIRLED AROUND AND HEADED TOWARD THE SEA. HIS RETARDED BRAIN COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT POSSESSED IT TO ACT THIS WAY...

ALL HE WAS AWARE OF WAS THAT HE HAD THE IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE HARBOR WATERS OF **GOTHAM CITY!** LIKE A GREAT DUMB BEAST HE, PLUNGED INTO THE WAVES...

FOR MONTHS THE **TITANIC TERROR** LIVED IN AN UNDERSEA CAVE; FINDING FOOD TO EAT AND DRIFT-WOOD WHICH HE CAUSED TO BURN BRIGHTLY...

UNTIL ONE NIGHT AS THE SHRILL CLAMOR OF A BURGLAR ALARM SUMMONS THE **GOTHAM GANG-BUSTERS** TO DUTY IN A LOCAL DEPARTMENT STORE...



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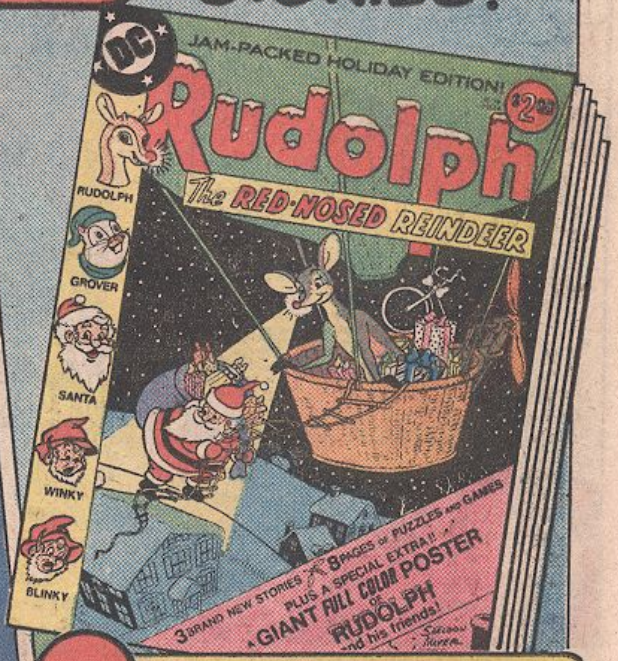

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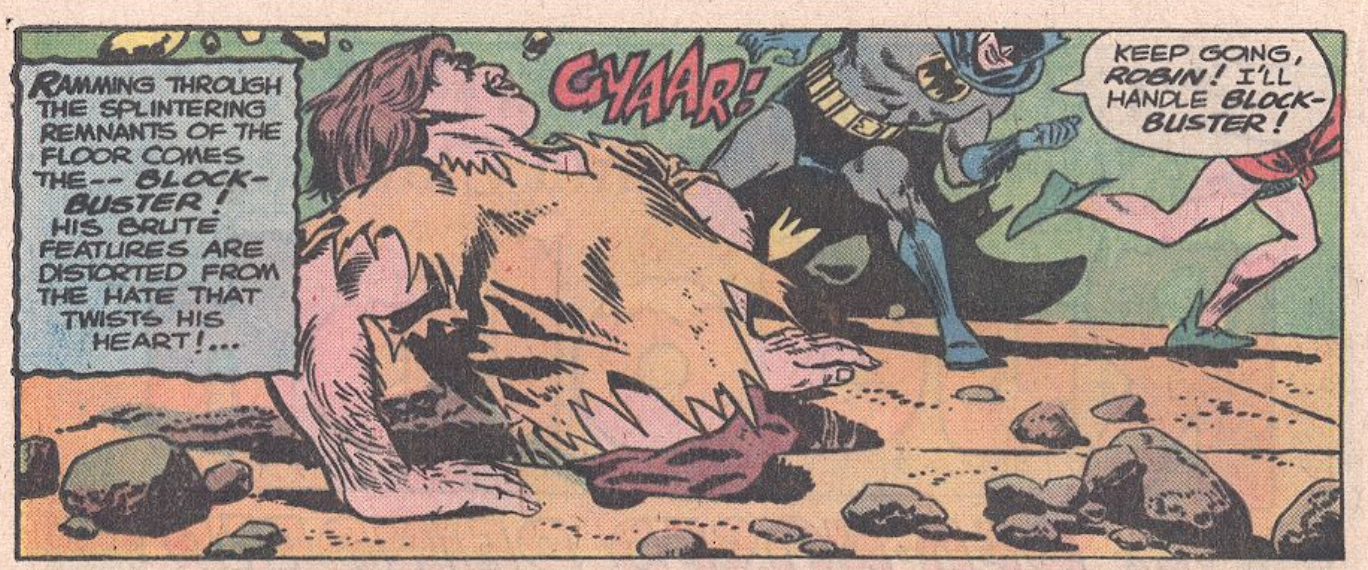
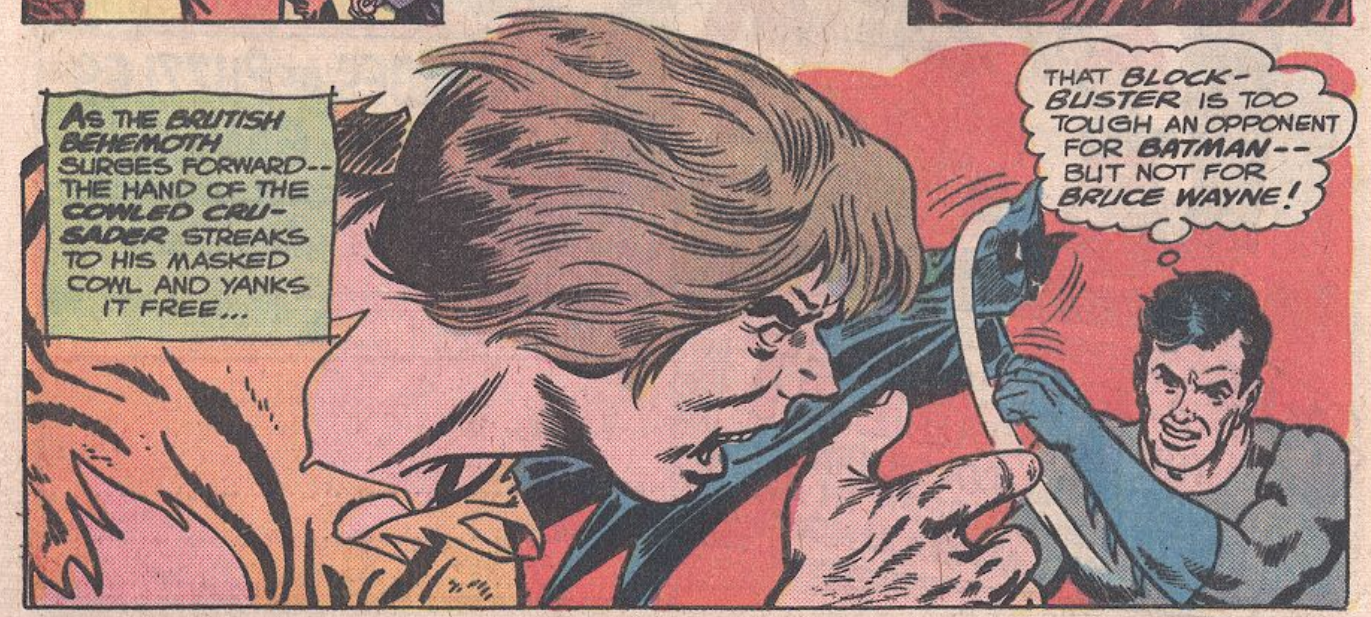
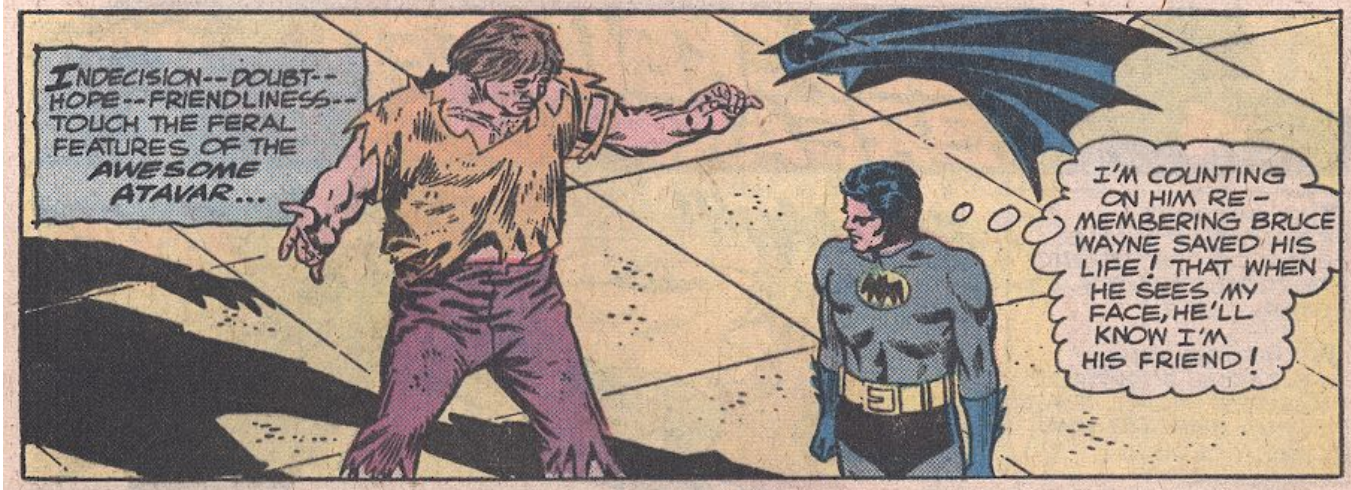

RAMMING THROUGH THE SPLINTERING REMNANTS OF THE FLOOR COMES THE-- BLOCK-BUSTER! HIS BRUTE FEATURES ARE DISTORTED FROM THE HATE THAT TWISTS HIS HEART!...
GYAAR!
KEEP GOING, ROBIN! I'LL HANDLE BLOCK-BUSTER!

BATMAN'S ONLY CHANCE AGAINST THAT FUGITIVE FROM A HORROR MOVIE IS TO BECOME-- BRUCE WAYNE! BLOCKBUSTER KNOWS BRUCE IS HIS FRIEND AND WON'T FIGHT HIM!

HE KNOWS THAT I KNOW HE CAN'T TAKE OFF HIS MASK AND SHOW HIMSELF AS BRUCE IN FRONT OF THESE CROOKS--SO HE'S LEAVING IT UP TO ME TO GET THEM OUT OF THE WAY INTO THE NEXT ROOM!

FISTS THAT PILE-DRIVE PUNCHES WITH THE RAPIDITY OF MACHINE-GUN FIRE HERD THE STORE-LOOTERS WELL OUT OF SIGHT OF BATMAN...
OKAY-- BATMAN CAN GO INTO HIS UNMASKING ACT!


AS THE BRITISH BEHEMOTH SURGES FORWARD-- THE HAND OF THE COWLED CRU-SADER STREAKS TO HIS MASKED COWL AND YANKS IT FREE...
THAT BLOCK-BUSTER IS TOO TOUGH AN OPPONENT FOR BATMAN-- BUT NOT FOR BRUCE WAYNE!



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THE GLOWING FRIENDSHIP IN THE EYES OF THE **TITANIC TERROR** CHANGES TO STARK HATE!

WITH A BELLOW HE LEAPS FORWARD, MASSIVE RIGHT ARM GOING BEFORE HIM LIKE A CLUB...

GYYAAAHH!

ZOK!

ROUSED TO ANIMAL FURY BY THE PAIN OF THAT BLOW, THE ***COWLED CRUSADER*** LASHES BACK SAVAGELY...

GYAAH!

THUD!

ONCE BEFORE I "GOT" TO HIM BY HITTING HIM AT A CERTAIN SPOT ON HIS FACE! HERE'S HOPING I CAN DO IT AGAIN-- AND AGAIN-- AND AGAIN!

HITTING HIM RIGHT ON TARGET-- OVER AND OVER! HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE TO FLOOR HIM?

GYAAH!

SOK!

STUNG BY THOSE BATTERING BLOWS, THE BEHEMOTH BELLOWS AND CATAPULTS A HAMLIKE FIST IN RETURN...

OOOOOF!

ONE OF HIS BLOWS--MATCHES A DOZEN OF MINE!

GYAARGH!

WHACK

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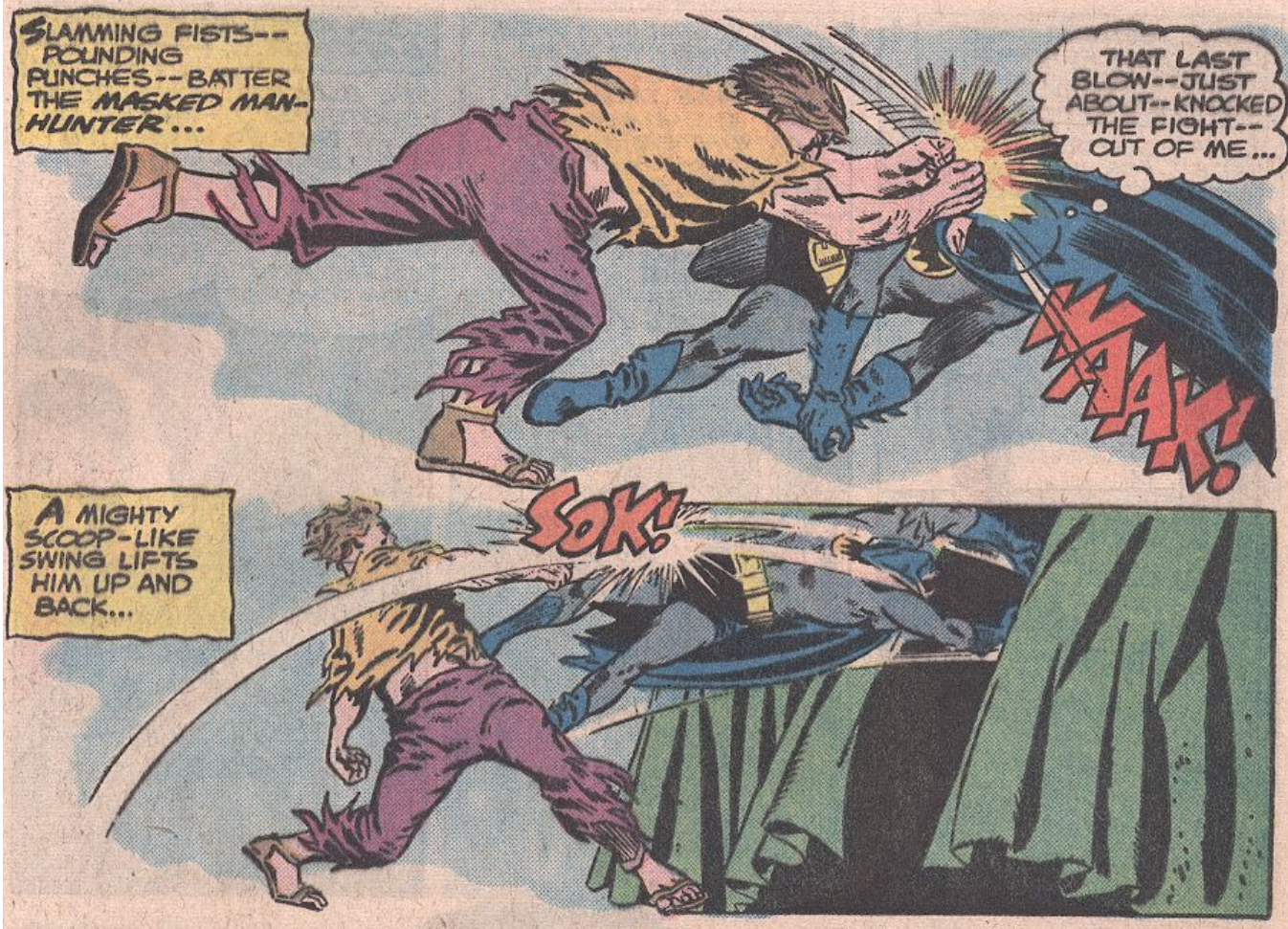
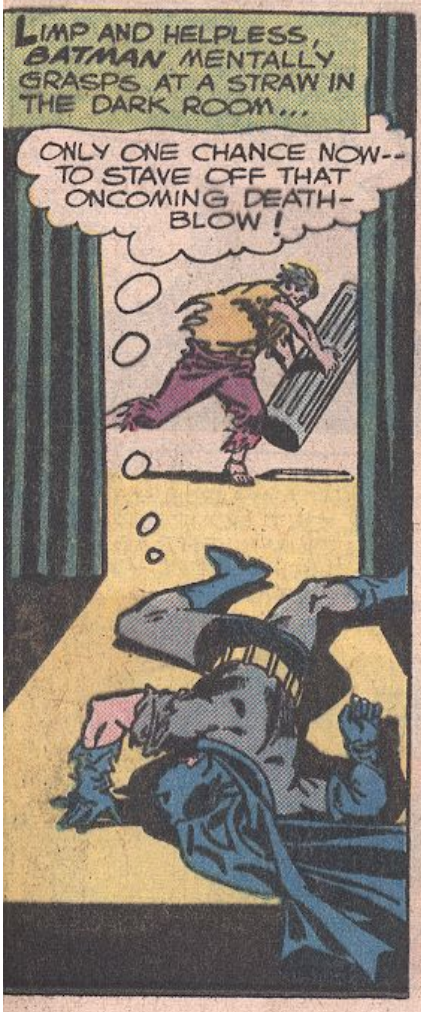

SLAMMING FISTS--POUNDING PUNCHES--BATTER THE MASKED MAN-HUNTER...
THAT LAST BLOW--JUST ABOUT--KNOCKED THE FIGHT--OUT OF ME...
YAAK!
A MIGHTY SCOOP-LIKE SWING LIFTS HIM UP AND BACK...
SOK!


LIMP AND HELPLESS, BATMAN MENTALLY GRASPS AT A STRAW IN THE DARK ROOM...
ONLY ONE CHANCE NOW--TO STAVE OFF THAT ONCOMING DEATH-BLOW!

FROM HIS BATTERED MOUTH COMES A WHISPER IN THE VOICE OF ROLAND DESMOND...
GET AWAY... LET BAT-MAN ALONE.. GO BACK..

THE TITANIC TERROR PAUSES! HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT ONLY TO OBEY HIS BROTHER! NOW HIS BROTHER'S VOICE IS GIVING HIM AN ORDER...
GAHH! GAAHH
WILL BLOCKBUSTER OBEY A WHISPER? OR IS BATMAN DOOMED TO DIE?

THEN... GENTLY, HE SETS DOWN THAT FEARSOME WEIGHT--TURNS AND SHUFFLES OFF...
-GASP- IT WORKED! I'M SAFE... FOR NOW! WONDER HOW...-PANT- ROBIN IS MAKING OUT...?
SHORTLY, STILL IN A DAZE, BUT REVIVED TO SOME DEGREE BY THE FRANTIC TEEN-AGE THUNDER-BOLT, THE MASKED MANHUNTER IS LED TOWARD THE WAITING BATMOBILE...
I WANTED TO MAKE BLOCK-BUSTER GIVE HIMSELF UP--BUT MY VOICE GAVE OUT...
EASY, EASY--WE'LL WORK THINGS OUT! THE POLICE HAVE THE THREE CROOKS--SO WE CAN GO HOME NOW!
SOON AFTERWARD, IN THE BATCAVE...
THE BLOCK-BUSTER'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN EVER! SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, HE'S TAKEN ON FANTASTIC NEW POWERS!
SO IT SEEMS! HOW ELSE CAN WE EXPLAIN AWAY THE MASK LEAPING BACK ONTO YOUR FACE--AND BEING HELD THERE?
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? SINCE YOU CAN'T APPEAR AS BRUCE WAYNE ON ACCOUNT OF THAT ANIMATED MASK--AND BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GO AROUND HIDING IN DARK PLACES TO IMITATE ROLAND DESMOND'S VOICE--YOU'LL HAVE NO WAY OF CONTROLLING THAT MUSCLE MONSTER!
MAYBE I CAN TURN A DISADVANTAGE INTO AN ADVANTAGE! IF MY MASK WON'T LEAVE ME WHILE THE BLOCK-BUSTER IS AROUND--
I CATCH! YOU'LL USE THE MASK ITSELF TO HELP YOU!
WITHIN MOMENTS, THE DUO IS HARD AT WORK...
I'LL PAINT THE MASK AND THE EXPOSED PART OF MY FACE WITH A SPECIAL CALCIUM COMPOUND...
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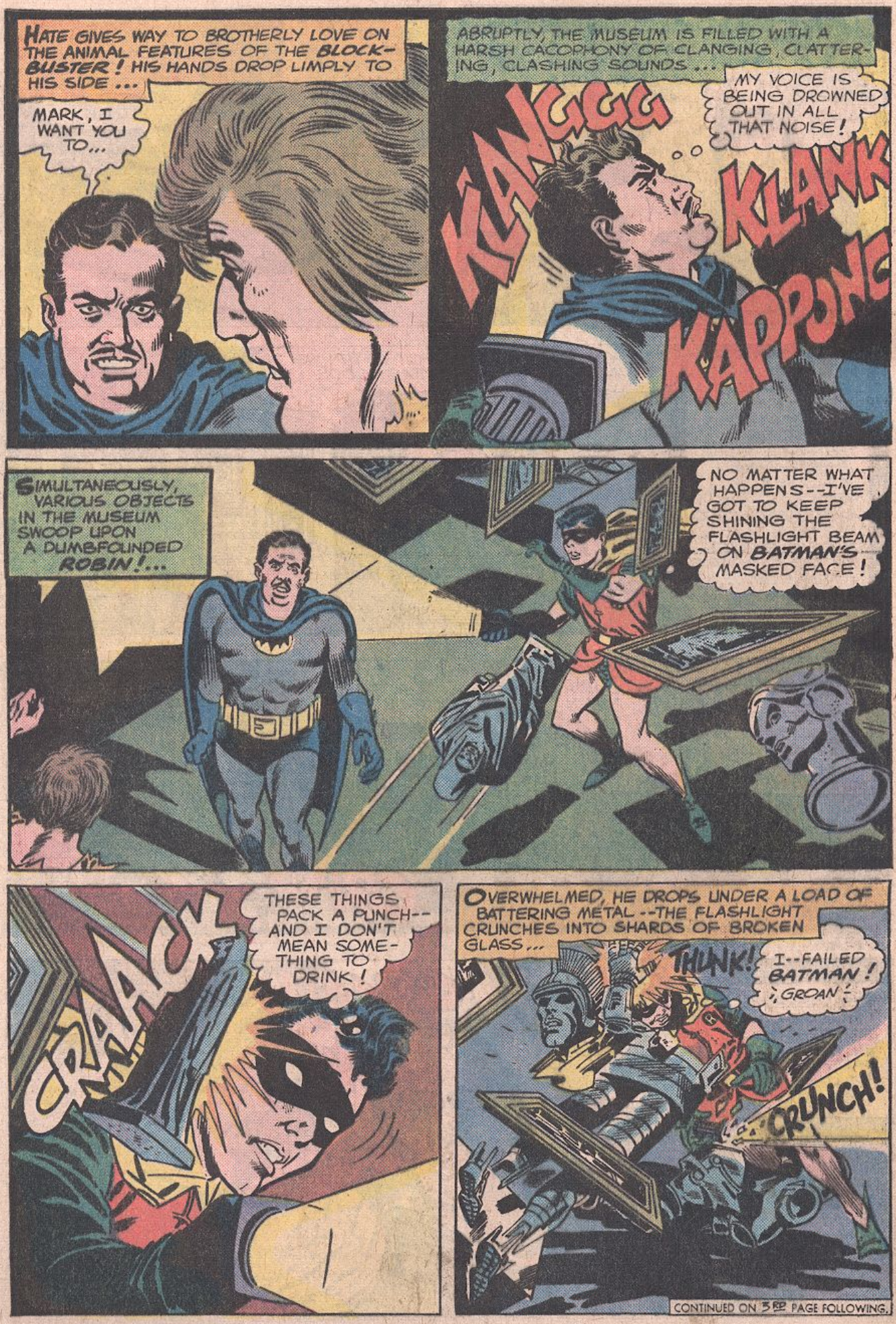
AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF PAINSTAKING LABOR...
HOW'D IT TURN OUT, ROBIN?
GREAT! IN THE CALCIUM LIGHT, YOU LOOK EXACTLY LIKE ROLAND DESMOND, BLOCKBUSTER'S BROTHER!
AND SO--SAFE-GUARDED AGAINST THE NEXT APPEAR-ANCE BY HIS NEFARIOUS NEMESIS, BATMAN TAKES TO HIS NIGHTLY PATROLS...
WE'VE GOT THE SHOW ON THE ROAD AGAIN! ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE STAR PERFORMER TO APPEAR ON STAGE!
FOR NEARLY A WEEK THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE BLOCK-BUSTER! THEN, ONE NIGHT, A HOT-LINE CALL FROM POLICE COM-MISSIONER GORDON BRINGS THE FISTIC FURIES TO THE CITY ART MUSEUM...
ONE EACH, ROBIN!
IT'S NOT OFTEN WE GET EASY ODDS LIKE THIS!
THEN--CRASHING THROUGH THE VERY WALL COMES BLOCKBUSTER..
AH! HIS. NIBS IS HERE AGAIN!
TIME TO GO INTO YOUR ACT, ROBIN!
CRASH!
WITH UNERRING AIM ROBIN SPOTLIGHTS BATMAN'S FACE. WITH THE CALCIUM BEAM...
HE SEES HIS BROTHER! HE WON'T HIT HIM--ME! NOW I CAN ORDER HIM TO GIVE HIMSELF UP TO THE POLICE!
GYAAH
GYAAH


HATE GIVES WAY TO BROTHERLY LOVE ON THE ANIMAL FEATURES OF THE BLOCK-BUSTER! HIS HANDS DROP LIMPLY TO HIS SIDE...
MARK, I WANT YOU TO...
ABRUPTLY, THE MUSEUM IS FILLED WITH A HARSH CACOPHONY OF CLANGING, CLATTERING, CLASHING SOUNDS...
MY VOICE IS BEING DROWNED OUT IN ALL THAT NOISE!
KLANGGG
KLANK
KAPPONG
SIMULTANEOUSLY, VARIOUS OBJECTS IN THE MUSEUM SWOOP UPON A DUMBFOUNDED ROBIN!...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS--I'VE GOT TO KEEP SHINING THE FLASHLIGHT BEAM ON BATMAN'S MASKED FACE!
CRACK
THESE THINGS PACK A PUNCH--AND I DON'T MEAN SOMETHING TO DRINK!
OVERWHELMED, HE DROPS UNDER A LOAD OF BATTERING METAL--THE FLASHLIGHT CRUNCHES INTO SHARDS OF BROKEN GLASS...
THUNK!
I--FAILED BATMAN! ;GROAN;
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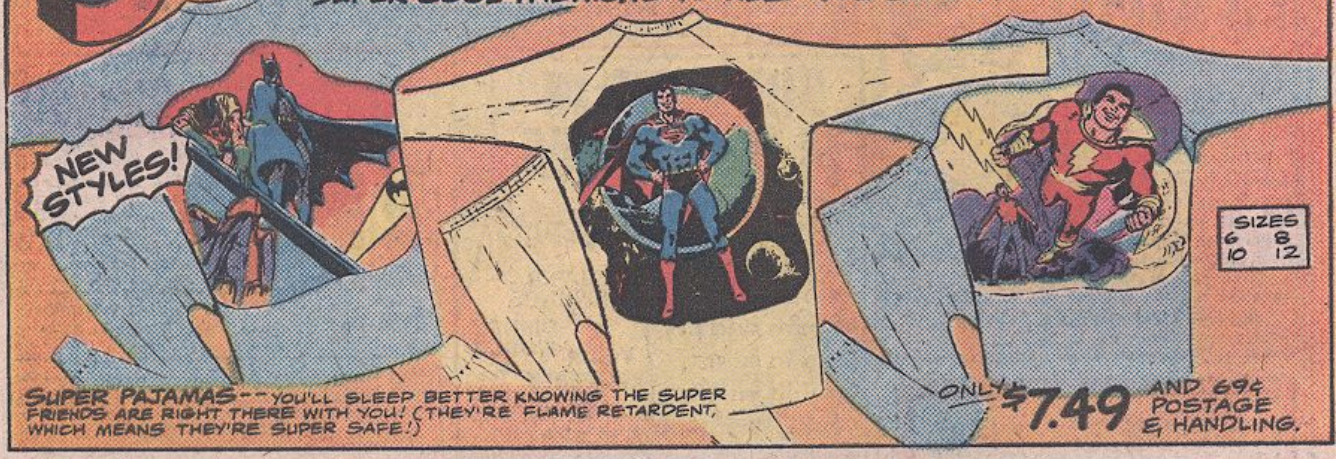

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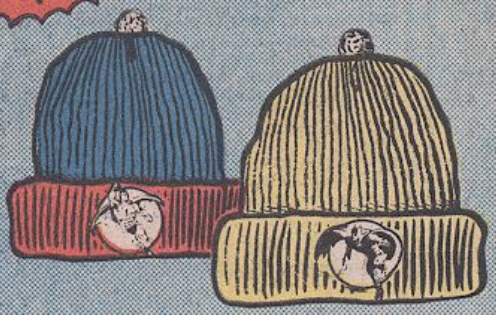

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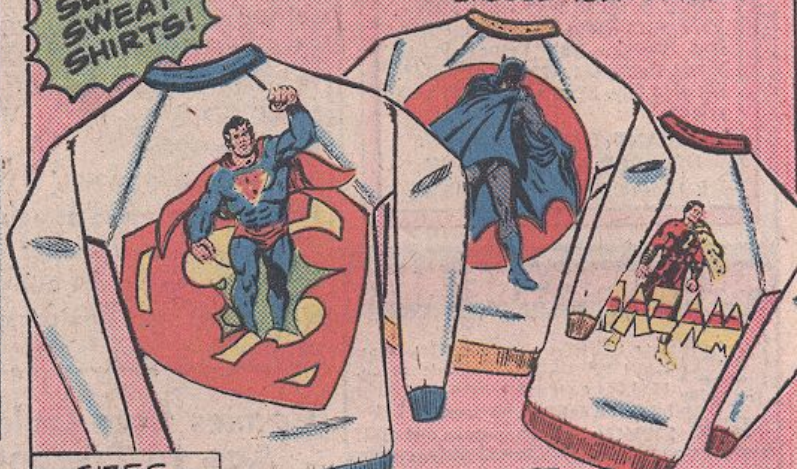

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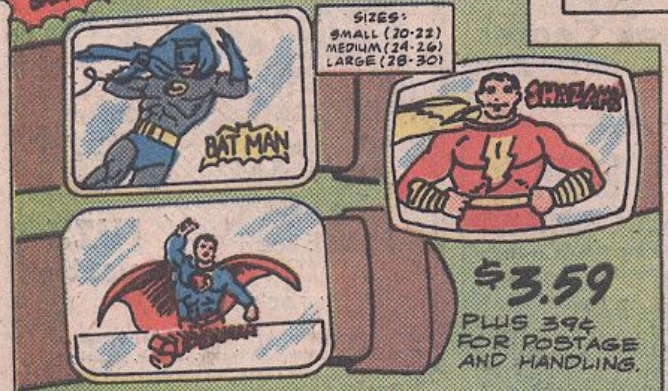

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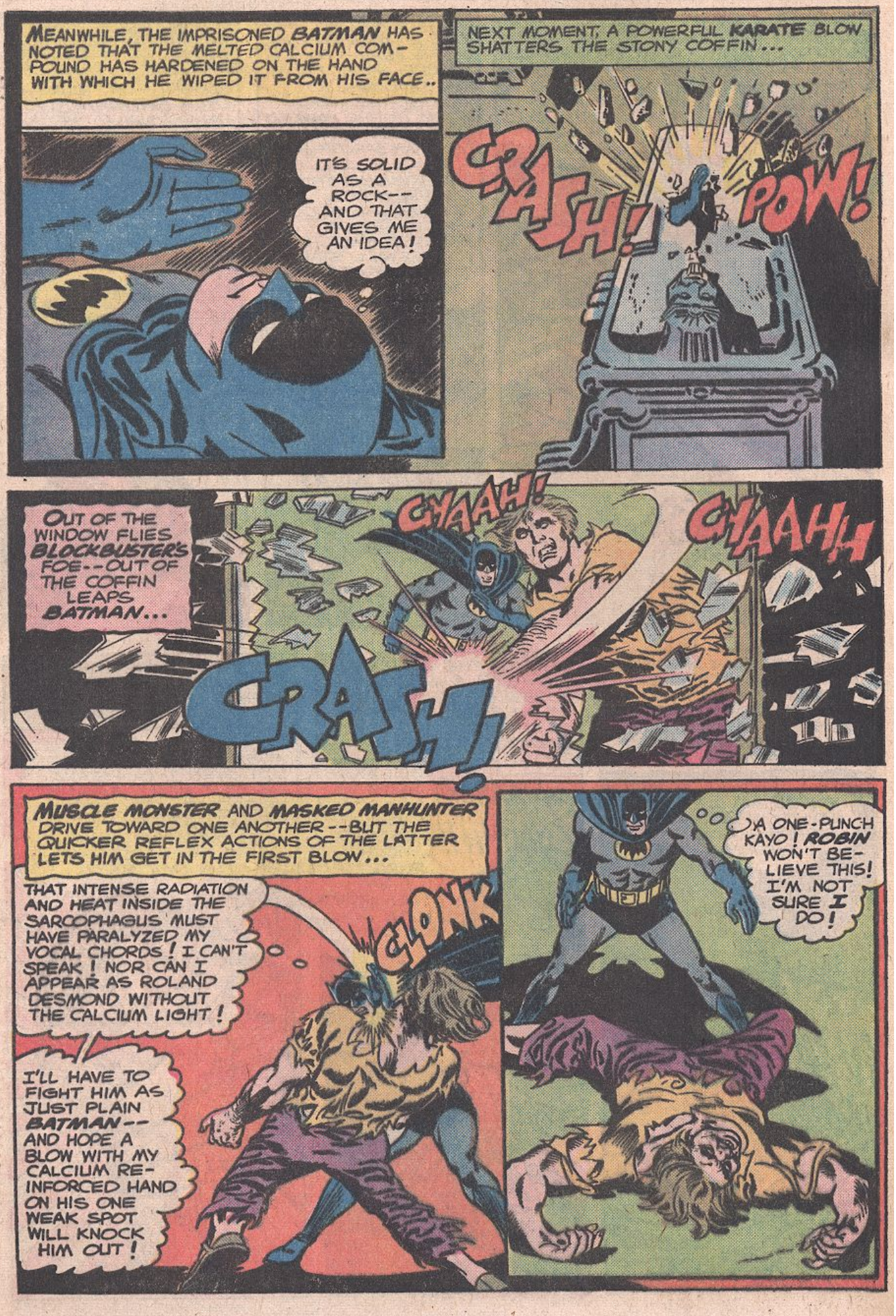
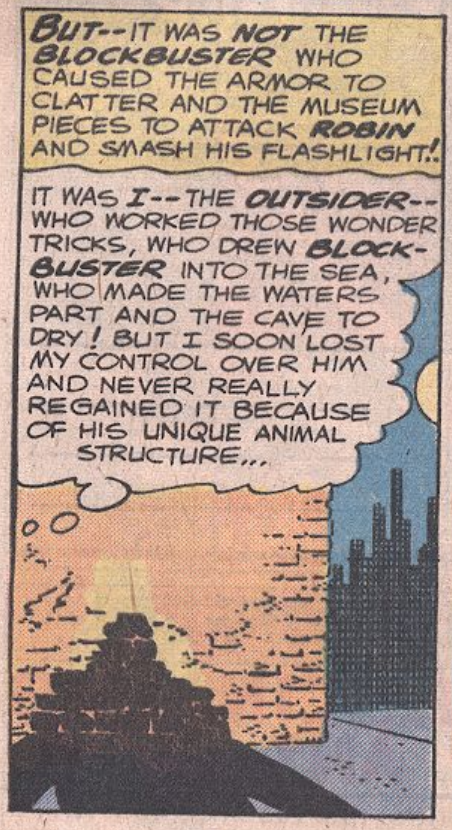
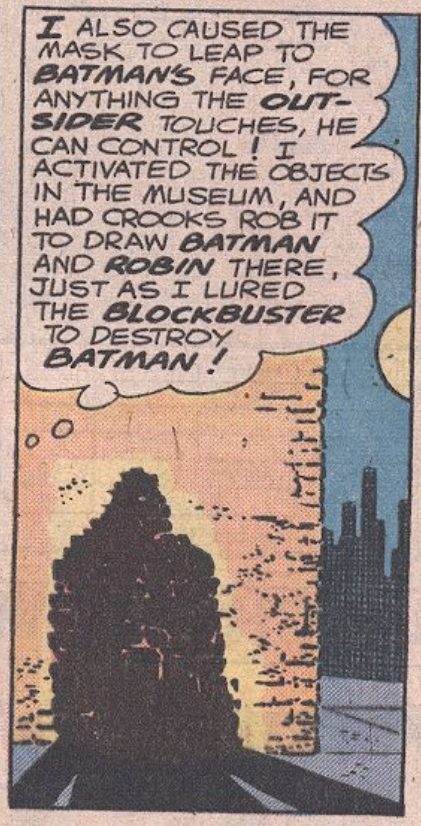
GYAAHH!
STRUCK SO SUDDENLY--COULDN'T ROLL WITH THE PUNCH!
THUNK!
HIS TASK ACCOMPLISHED, THE BLOCKBUSTER TURNS AWAY--AS A FIGURE STEPS FROM THE SHADOWS TO THRUST THE INERT FORM OF THE COWLED CRUSADER INTO AN EGYPTIAN SARCOPHAGUS..
I'VE RIGGED THIS COFFIN WITH A SPECIAL RADIATION WHICH--SOON AFTER I SWITCH IT ON--WILL START TO AGE BATMAN YEARS IN MINUTES!
A HAND GRIPS A LEVER, BEGINS TO BRING IT DOWN...
MY LONG-SOUGHT-FOR TRIUMPH OVER BATMAN IS AT HAND! WHILE THE WORLD WONDERS WHERE BATMAN HAS DISAPPEARED TO--ONLY I SHALL KNOW HE'S ENTOMBED IN THIS COFFIN--AS A MUMMY!
INSIDE THE SARCOPHAGUS, THE REVIVING COWLED CRUSADER FEELS AN AWESOME HEAT THAT MELTS THE CALCIUM COMPOUND PAINTED ON HIS MASK AND FACE...
WHERE AM I? SO HOT IN HERE--DRIPPING WITH SWEAT...
OUTSIDE THE COFFIN--HIS FEEBLE MIND CONFUSED BY DOUBTS (DID HE OVERCOME BATMAN OR HIS BROTHER?) THE BLOCKBUSTER RETURNS AND...
GYYAAHH? GYAHHH!!
GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU FOOL! YOU'VE SERVED YOUR PURPOSE! I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR YOU!
BELLOWING WITH ANGER, THE BRUTISH BEHEMOTH LASHES OUT AT THIS NEW ENEMY WHO HAS COME TO LIFE...
OHHH! ITS STRENGTH IS SUCH THAT NOT EVEN I CAN STAND UP TO IT! ONLY BATMAN KNOWS HOW TO CONTROL THIS CREATURE--AND WITH BATMAN TRAPPED INSIDE THE SARCOPHAGUS, I'M DOOMED!


MEANWHILE, THE IMPRISONED BATMAN HAS NOTED THAT THE MELTED CALCIUM COMPOUND HAS HARDENED ON THE HAND WITH WHICH HE WIPED IT FROM HIS FACE..
IT'S SOLID AS A ROCK--AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
NEXT MOMENT, A POWERFUL KARATE BLOW SHATTERS THE STONY COFFIN...
CRASH!
POW!
OUT OF THE WINDOW FLIES BLOCKBUSTER'S FOE--OUT OF THE COFFIN LEAPS BATMAN...
GHAAH!
GHAAHH
CRASH!
MUSCLE MONSTER AND MASKED MANHUNTER DRIVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER--BUT THE QUICKER REFLEX ACTIONS OF THE LATTER LETS HIM GET IN THE FIRST BLOW...
THAT INTENSE RADIATION AND HEAT INSIDE THE SARCOPHAGUS MUST HAVE PARALYZED MY VOCAL CHORDS! I CAN'T SPEAK! NOR CAN I APPEAR AS ROLAND DESMOND WITHOUT THE CALCIUM LIGHT!
I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT HIM AS JUST PLAIN BATMAN--AND HOPE A BLOW WITH MY CALCIUM REINFORCED HAND ON HIS ONE WEAK SPOT WILL KNOCK HIM OUT!
CLONK
A ONE-PUNCH KAYO! ROBIN WON'T BELIEVE THIS! I'M NOT SURE I DO!





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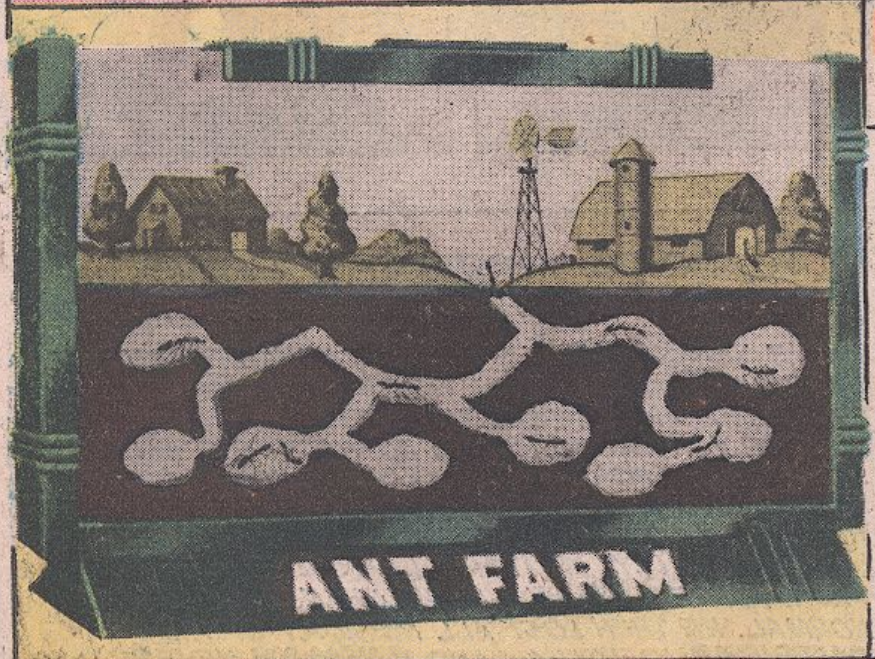

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